

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1711 – SB 1705

March 11, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates categories of electric bicycles for the purpose of the rules of the road; requires manufactures of electric bicycles to permanently affix to the electric bicycle a label containing the category of the electric bicycle; requires an electric bicycle to comply with applicable equipment and manufacturing requirements for electric bicycles established by state and federal law, including federal standards adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and compiled in 16 CFR part 1512.

Authorizes the use of electric bicycles on routes designated for use of bicycles; creates a Class C misdemeanor for knowingly operating an electric bicycle in violation of the provisions of the bill. Excludes electric bicycles from definition of "motor vehicle"; excludes electric bicycles from driver licensing, insurance, registration, and other requirements applicable to motor vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013699):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to add language that prohibits electric bicycles from being operated on sidewalks, unless the use of bicycles on sidewalks is authorized by resolution, ordinance, or rule by a local government or by rule or policy of a state agency having jurisdiction over that sidewalk and the electric motor is disabled.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

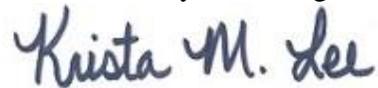
- The number of electric bicycles sold and operated in this state is not known and cannot be reasonably estimated.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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- Electric bicycles are not required to be registered or insured under current law, nor are operators required to be licensed; therefore, no significant impact to registration, licensing, or other related fee revenue.
- Any other impact as a result of the bill as amended will be borne by private manufacturers of electric bicycles.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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