

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1220 - SB 1107

April 2, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: : Defines “electric foot scooter” as a device weighing less than 100 pounds, with two or three wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, which is solely powered by an electric motor or human power or both, and whose maximum speed is 20 miles per hour. Establishes the requirements for operation of an electric foot scooter to mirror that of an electric bicycle.

Authorizes electric bicycles and electric foot scooters to be parked on a sidewalk in a manner not impeding the normal or reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

Prohibits the operation of an electric foot scooter for those under the age permitted to operate a motor vehicle under the Uniform Classified and Commercial Driver License Act. Prohibits any person operating an electric foot scooter at a speed higher than 15 miles per hour.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007251): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes are as follows:

- (1) Defines “electric foot scooter” as a device weighing less than 100 pounds, with handlebars and an electric motor, and is solely powered by an electric motor or human power or both, and whose maximum speed is 20 miles per hour;
- (2) Removes the provision of the original bill which authorized electric bicycles and electric foot scooters to be parked on a sidewalk in a manner not impeding the normal or reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic;
- (3) Removes the provision of the original bill which prohibited the operation of an electric foot scooter for those under the age permitted to operate a motor vehicle under the Uniform Classified and Commercial Driver License Act; and
- (4) Removes the provision of the original bill which prohibited any person operating an electric foot scooter at a speed higher than 15 miles per hour.
- (5) Specifies that that this legislation does not preempt a county, municipality, or metropolitan government, by ordinance of its legislative body, from regulating, controlling, or banning use and operation of electric scooters.

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FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation authorizes a local government, by ordinance of its legislative body, to regulate, control, or ban the use and operation of electric scooters.
- It is estimated that there will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Electric foot scooters are not required to be registered or insured nor are operators required to be licensed; therefore, no significant impact to registration, licensing, or other related fee revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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