



HOUSE BILL 77: Electric Standup Scooters.

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| Introduced by: | Reps. Torbett, Presnell, Iler, Shepard | Prepared by: | Jeremy Ray* |
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 77 would provide a statutory definition for electric standup scooters and exempt them from registration requirements.*

CURRENT LAW: Current law does not provide a definition for scooters or specifically authorize their use. It is unclear whether a scooter may fall under the definition of moped and be regulated as such.

BILL ANALYSIS: *Section 1* of House Bill 77 would provide a statutory definition for "electric standup scooter." Electric standup scooter would further be specifically excluded from the definitions of "moped" and "motor vehicle." The definition of "vehicle" would be amended to include electric standup scooters in the same manner as bicycles, in that the provisions of Chapter 20 would apply to them when they are operated upon a highway to the extent that it makes sense to do so.

Section 2 of the bill makes clear that electric standup scooters would be exempt from registration requirements.

Section 3 of the bill provides that any ordinance adopted by a municipality that conflicts with the provisions of this act would be void. It also directs municipalities with ordinances affecting scooters to review those ordinances to ensure compliance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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