

E-Bike Laws by State - Complete Guide

Alabama

- Definition: Motor-driven cycles.
- Requirements: Class M license, helmet required.
- Age Restriction: Minimum age 14.

Alaska

- Definition: Motor-driven cycles.
- Requirements: M-class license required.
- Age Restriction: Minimum age 14.

Arizona

- Definition: Motorized electric bicycles/tricycles.
- Requirements: No license; allowed on roadways/bike lanes unless restricted.
- Speed Limit: Assistance ceases at 20 mph.

Arkansas

- Definition: Electric bicycles.
- Requirements: No license; helmets for Class 3 under 21.
- Age Restriction: 16+ for Class 3.

California

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmets for Class 3; local path restrictions may apply.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

Colorado

- Definition: Electrical assisted bicycles.
- Requirements: Class 3 restrictions on some paths.
- Speed Limit: Varies by class.

Connecticut

- Definition: Bicycles with helper motors.
- Requirements: Min. age 16; helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Delaware

- Definition: Bicycles.
- Requirements: No license; helmet for under 16.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Florida

- Definition: Electric-assist bicycles.
- Requirements: Min. age 16; no license.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Georgia

- Definition: Electric bicycles.
- Requirements: Helmet under 16.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Hawaii

- Definition: Mopeds.
- Requirements: Min. age 15; no license.
- Speed Limit: 30 mph.

Idaho

- Definition: Motorized electric bicycles.
- Requirements: Min. age 16; Class D license.
- Speed Limit: 30 mph.

Illinois

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet under 16 for Class 3.
- Age Restriction: 16+ for Class 3.

Indiana

- Definition: Motorized bicycles.
- Requirements: ID card; min. age 15.
- Speed Limit: 25 mph.

Iowa

- Definition: Electric bicycles.
- Requirements: No license; no age limit.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Kansas

- Definition: Electric-assisted bicycles.
- Requirements: Helmet under 18.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Kentucky

- Definition: Motorized bicycles.
- Requirements: Min. age 16; license and helmet required under 18.

Louisiana

- Definition: Motorized bicycles.
- Requirements: Min. age 15; registration and helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 25 mph.

Maine

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet under 16 for Class 3.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

Maryland

- Definition: Motorized minibikes.
- Requirements: Registration and insurance; helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Massachusetts

- Definition: Mopeds.
- Requirements: License, registration, helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 25 mph.

Michigan

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet under 18 for Class 3.
- Speed Limit: Varies by class.

Minnesota

- Definition: Electric-assisted bicycles.
- Requirements: Min. age 15; no license.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Mississippi

- Definition: Bicycles.
- Requirements: No license or age restriction.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Missouri

- Definition: Bicycle if <750W and <30 mph.
- Requirements: No license.
- Speed Limit: 30 mph.

Montana

- Definition: Bicycles.
- Requirements: No helmet or license required.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Nebraska

- Definition: Motor-assisted bicycle.
- Requirements: Helmet under 18.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Nevada

- Definition: Electric bicycle.
- Requirements: No license or helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

New Hampshire

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet under 18 for Class 3.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

New Jersey

- Definition: Class 1 & 2 = bicycles, Class 3 = motorized.
- Requirements: License and registration for Class 3.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

New Mexico

- Definition: Motorized bicycle.
- Requirements: License required.
- Speed Limit: 30 mph.

New York

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet for Class 3 or under 18.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 25 mph.

North Carolina

- Definition: Electric-assisted bicycle.
- Requirements: Min. age 16; no license.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

North Dakota

- Definition: Motorized bicycle.
- Requirements: License; helmet under 18.
- Speed Limit: 30 mph.

Ohio

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet for Class 3 under 18.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

Oklahoma

- Definition: Electric-assisted bicycle.
- Requirements: Helmet under 18.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Oregon

- Definition: Electric-assisted bicycle.
- Requirements: Helmet under 16.
- Speed Limit: No throttle on Class 3.

Pennsylvania

- Definition: Pedalcycle with electric assist.
- Requirements: $\leq 750W$, pedal capable, ≤ 100 lbs.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Rhode Island

- Definition: Motorized bicycle.
- Requirements: License and helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 25 mph.

South Carolina

- Definition: Electric bicycle.
- Requirements: No license or helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

South Dakota

- Definition: Motor-driven cycle.
- Requirements: License and helmet required.
- Speed Limit: 30 mph.

Tennessee

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet for Class 3 under 16.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

Texas

- Definition: Electric bicycle.
- Requirements: Helmet under 18.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Utah

- Definition: Electric-assisted bicycle.
- Requirements: Helmet under 18.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Vermont

- Definition: Motor-assisted bicycle.
- Requirements: No license required.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Virginia

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet under 14 for Class 3.
- Speed Limit: Varies by class.

Washington

- Definition: Three-class system.
- Requirements: Helmet for Class 3; trail restrictions apply.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

West Virginia

- Definition: Electric bicycle.
- Requirements: Helmet under 15.
- Speed Limit: 20 mph.

Wisconsin

- Definition: Electric bicycle.
- Requirements: Three-class system.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

Wyoming

- Definition: Electric bicycle.
- Requirements: Three-class system.
- Speed Limit: Class 1 & 2: 20 mph, Class 3: 28 mph.

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