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# H. R. 727

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2001

Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT.**

4 The Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051  
5 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES

7 “SEC. 38. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision  
8 of law, low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products  
9 within the meaning of section 3(a)(1) and shall be subject

1 to the Commission regulations published at section  
2 1500.18(a)(12) and part 1512 of title 16, Code of Federal  
3 Regulations.

4 “(b) For the purpose of this section, the term ‘low-  
5 speed electric bicycle’ means a two- or three-wheeled vehi-  
6 cle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less  
7 than 750 watts (1 h.p.), whose maximum speed on a paved  
8 level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while  
9 ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than  
10 20 mph.

11 “(c) To further protect the safety of consumers who  
12 ride low-speed electric bicycles, the Commission may pro-  
13 mulgate new or amended requirements applicable to such  
14 vehicles as necessary and appropriate.

15 “(d) This section shall supersede any State law or  
16 requirement with respect to low-speed electric bicycles to  
17 the extent that such State law or requirement is more  
18 stringent than the Federal law or requirements referred  
19 to in subsection (a).”.

20 **SEC. 2. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS.**

21 For purposes of motor vehicle safety standards issued  
22 and enforced pursuant to chapter 301 of title 49, United  
23 States Code, a low-speed electric bicycle (as defined in sec-  
24 tion 38(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act) shall not

1 be considered a motor vehicle as defined by section  
2 30102(6) of title 49, United States Code.

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