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H. R. 727

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2001

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that
low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject
to such Act.

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

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

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

4 “LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES

5 “SEC. 38. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
6 of law, low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products
7 within the meaning of section 3(a)(1) and shall be subject
8 to the Commission regulations published at section
9 1500.18(a)(12) and part 1512 of title 16, Code of Federal
10 Regulations.

11 “(b) For the purpose of this section, the term ‘low-
12 speed electric bicycle’ means a two- or three-wheeled vehi-
13 cle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less
14 than 750 watts (1 h.p.), whose maximum speed on a paved
15 level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while
16 ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than
17 20 mph.

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

22 “(d) This section shall supersede any State law or
23 requirement with respect to low-speed electric bicycles to
24 the extent that such State law or requirement is more
25 stringent than the Federal law or requirements referred
26 to in subsection (a).”.

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

2 For purposes of motor vehicle safety standards issued
3 and enforced pursuant to chapter 301 of title 49, United
4 States Code, a low-speed electric bicycle (as defined in sec-
5 tion 38(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act) shall not
6 be considered a motor vehicle as defined by section
7 30102(6) of title 49, United States Code.

Passed the House of Representatives March 6,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.