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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CITY OF NEWPORT -- ELECTRIC  
BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, and Abney

Date Introduced: January 26, 2024

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 31 of the General Laws entitled "MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES"  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 19.7

4 CITY OF NEWPORT -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

5 **31-19.7-1. City of Newport -- Electric bicycles and scooters.**

6 (a) For the purposes of this chapter, the city council of the city of Newport may, by  
7 ordinance, regulate the use and operation of e-bikes and e-scooters within the city of Newport.

8 (b) Any ordinances may include, but shall not be limited to, the operators' age, licensing,  
9 registration and insurance requirements; provided, however, the ordinances do not conflict with  
10 any existing general law.

11 (c) The city council may also enact ordinances related to permitted and prohibited  
12 roadways and other areas of the city on which e-bikes and e-scooters may be operated.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would enable the Newport city council to enact ordinances to regulate the use and
- 2 operation of e-bikes and e-scooters.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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