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Information
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§21213 prohibits a person less than 16 years of age from operating a class 3 electric bicycle. A person shall not operate a class 3 electric bicycle or ride as a passenger upon a street, bikeway, bicycle path or trail, unless that person is wearing a properly fitted, fastened, and approved bicycle helmet, which further applies to a passenger while in a restraining seat or trailer attached to the bicycle.

§24016 requires electric bicycles to meet the following criteria:

- Comply with equipment and manufacturing requirements adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- The electric motor must disengage or cease to function when the brakes are applied.

Additionally, operators are subject to the following criteria:

- A person operating an electrical bicycle is not subject to financial responsibility, driver license, registration, and license plate requirements.
- A person shall not tamper with or modify an electric bicycle to change the speed capability unless the person appropriately replaces the manufacturer label indicating the classification change.

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