


PUBLIC NOTICE:

NEW E-BIKE RULES NOW IN EFFECT IN NJ (Jan 2026)

New Jersey has enacted new statewide e-bike safety regulations, creating some of the strictest standards in the country following multiple serious and fatal crashes.

What You Need to Know

 Licensing, Registration & Insurance Are Now Required

Most e-bike riders must now have:

- A valid driver's license (age 17+) or motorized bicycle license (age 15+)
- State registration for the e-bike
- Insurance coverage
- Riders have six months to comply before fines begin.

License and registration fees are waived for the first year.

E-Bike Classifications Have Changed

New Jersey has eliminated the old three-tier system and now regulates all e-bikes more uniformly — but the definitions still matter. The law identifies:

1 Low-Speed Electric Bikes / Pedal-assist

Motor stops assisting at 20 mph

2 Motorized Bikes / Throttle-controlled

Max speed 28 mph

3 Electric Motorized Bicycles

Can exceed 28 mph

Typically higher-powered, similar to mopeds

 Under the new law, ALL of these categories now require licensing, registration, and insurance.

Age Restrictions

Under 15: Not permitted to operate low-speed or motorized e-bikes.

Ages 15–16: Motorized bicycle license required.

17+: Standard driver's license required.

16-year-olds may rent low-speed e-bikes only through approved municipal programs

Sales Restrictions

Online e-bike sales are banned for one year statewide.

Modification kits that convert low-speed bikes into more powerful models are now illegal.

LBT and Ocean County officers will begin a public education period during the next six months as the new rules take effect. Please spread the word and help keep our roads safe for everyone.