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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 -- REGULATION OF RENTAL OF
MOTORIZED BICYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOTORIZED TRICYCLES IN NEW
SHOREHAM

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 05, 2024

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-19.3-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-19.3 entitled
2 "Regulation of Rental of Motorized Bicycles, Motor Scooters and Motorized Tricycles in New
3 Shoreham" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **31-19.3-5. Ordinances.**

5 (a) The town council of the town of New Shoreham may enact reasonable ordinances
6 establishing procedures and standards for the licensing, supervision, regulation, and control of the
7 rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and motorized tricycles.

8 (b) An ordinance enacted pursuant to this section may:

9 (1) Establish a fee to be charged for the issuance or renewal of any license for the rental of
10 motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles the holder of the license is authorized
11 to rent or lease and shall not exceed the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) per motorized bicycle, motor
12 scooters or motorized tricycle.

13 (2) Establish a maximum number of licenses which may be granted for the rental of
14 motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles.

15 (3) Establish hours during which motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized
16 tricycles may be rented.

17 (4) Establish a maximum number of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized
18 tricycles which a license holder may rent or lease under the license.

1 (5) Provide that no motorized bicycle, motor scooters or motorized tricycle shall be rented
2 or leased in the town of New Shoreham unless the operator thereof has a valid license issued under
3 the provisions of § 31-10-1, or a similar license issued by a state other than Rhode Island.

4 (6) Require all motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles to pass
5 inspection annually and be issued a certificate by a duly authorized state inspection facility
6 indicating that the vehicle has passed inspection to be conducted at inspection agencies which shall
7 be created and governed by rules and regulations promulgated by the department of revenue.

8 (7) Establish requirements for adequate rider safety and competence training protocols
9 prior to prospective operators leaving the rental location; establish limitations for tandem riding;
10 require that renters of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles must wear
11 appropriate footwear; and require training to ensure appropriate helmet sizing and usage.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would grant the authority to the town council to enact ordinances establishing
2 procedures and standards related to rider safety and competence training protocols for operators of
3 motorized bicycles, motor scooters and motorized tricycles in New Shoreham.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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