

## Union Calendar No. 4

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 727

[Report No. 107-5]

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

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2001

Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

MARCH 5, 2001

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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

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

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

1                   “LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES

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

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

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

19           “(d) This section shall supersede any State law or  
20 requirement with respect to low-speed electric bicycles to  
21 the extent that such State law or requirement is more  
22 stringent than the Federal law or requirements referred  
23 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.

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