

Senate Bill 159

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Ginn of the 47th, Butler of the 55th and Jones of the 25th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to allow local authorities to regulate operation of electric scooters upon
3 highways under their jurisdiction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
8 amended in Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (33) and
9 adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

10 "(15.5) 'Electric scooter' means every device weighing less than 100 pounds that is:

11 (A) Equipped with handlebars and an electric motor;

12 (B) Powered by an electric motor or human power or both; and

13 (C) Capable of a maximum speed of no more than 20 mph on a paved level surface
14 when powered solely by the electric motor.

15 Such term shall not include an electric bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device,
16 motorcycle, or moped."

17 "(33) 'Motor vehicle' means every vehicle which is self-propelled other than an electric
18 assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or an electric personal assistive mobility device
19 (EPAMD)."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said title is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-371, relating to powers
22 of local authorities regarding highways under their jurisdiction, by adding a new paragraph
23 to read as follows:

24 "(18.3) Regulating the operation of electric scooters, including considering protecting
25 persons and property with requirements of Liability insurance, provided that such regulations
26 comply with this chapter;"

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SECTION 3.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.