

HOUSE BILL 1008

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By: **Delegate R. Lewis**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration – Electric Bicycle Rebate Program –**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Electric Bicycle Rebate Program to provide rebates for
5 qualified individuals and certain entities that purchase electric bicycles; and
6 generally relating to the Electric Bicycle Rebate Program.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 9–2016

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – State Government**

15 **9–2016.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
17 **INDICATED.**

18 **(2) “ELECTRIC BICYCLE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11–117.1 OF**
19 **THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

20 **(3) “ELECTRIC BICYCLE REBATE” MEANS A REBATE ISSUED BY THE**
21 **ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION TO OFFSET THE COST OF A QUALIFIED**
22 **ELECTRIC BICYCLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE ELECTRIC BICYCLE REBATE PROGRAM.**

2 **(B) (1) THERE IS AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE REBATE PROGRAM.**

3 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

4 **(C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY QUALIFY FOR AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE REBATE IF**
5 **THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDES IN A LOW- OR MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLD, AS**
6 **DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

7 **(D) AN INDIVIDUAL OR A BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT ENTITY MAY APPLY TO**
8 **THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE REBATE TO OFFSET THE COST OF**
9 **ACQUIRING AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE IF:**

10 **(1) (I) FOR A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL, THE ELECTRIC BICYCLE IS**
11 **PURCHASED PRIMARILY FOR NONRECREATIONAL PURPOSES; OR**

12 **(II) FOR A BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT ENTITY, THE ELECTRIC**
13 **BICYCLE IS PURCHASED PRIMARILY FOR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES; AND**

14 **(2) THE ELECTRIC BICYCLE COSTS LESS THAN A MAXIMUM**
15 **THRESHOLD PRICE SET BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

16 **(E) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, THE ADMINISTRATION**
17 **SHALL ISSUE REBATES TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT**
18 **ENTITIES TO OFFSET THE COST OF ACQUIRING AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE IN AMOUNTS**
19 **DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

20 **(F) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
21 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**
22 **\$500,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

23 **(G) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
24 **SECTION.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2023.