#### HB-715 Reference Slides

# **Electronic Recreational Devices**

- Bikes
- Scooters
- Skateboards/hover boards
- Unicycles
- "Micro Mobility Device"



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# E-Bikes

Many Shapes & Sizes
Industry + States = Classifications
Unclassified = Unregulated



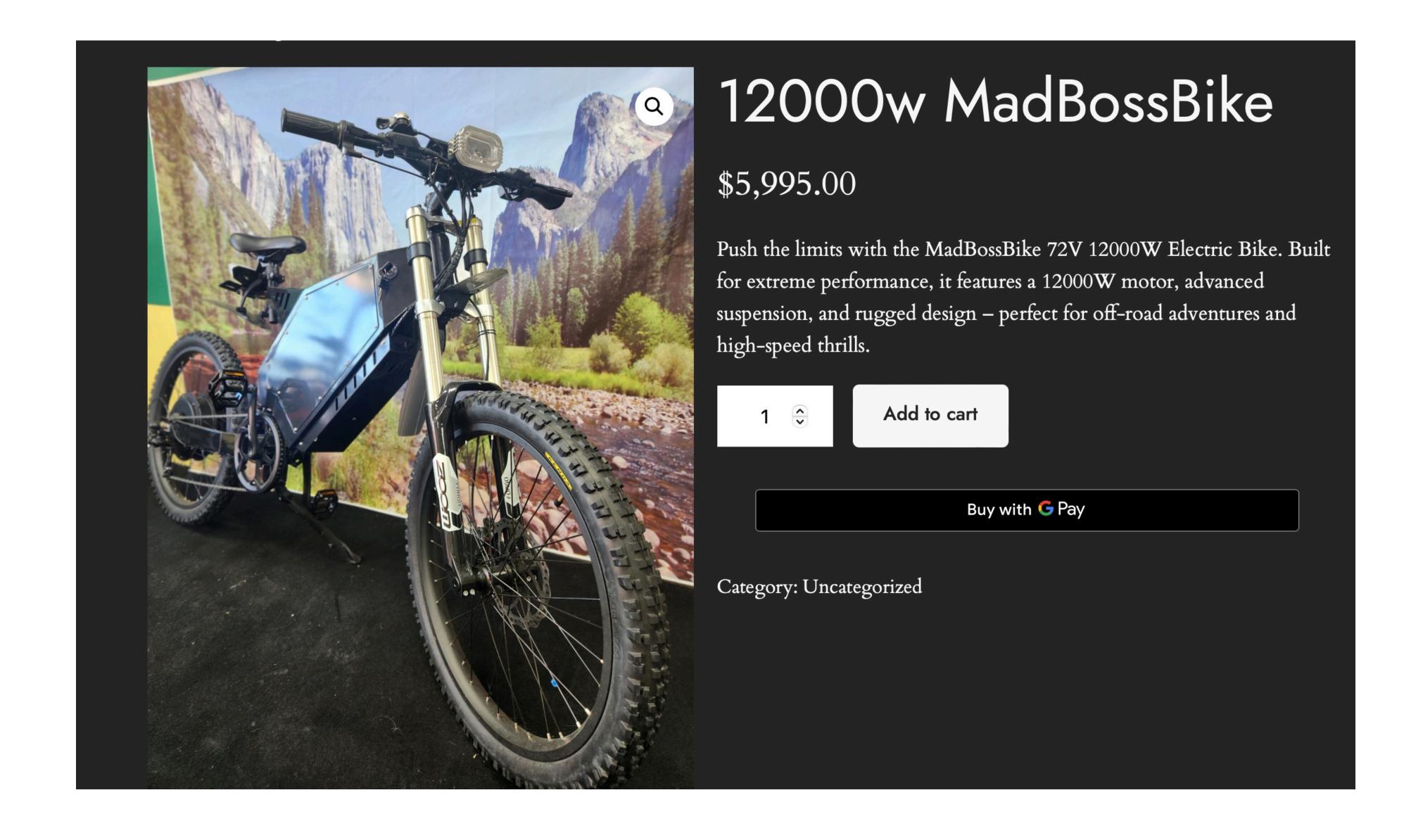
#### Overview of the 3-Class System for E-bikes

	Characteristics		Regulations		
Class 1 E-bike	Provides Assistance:	Only when pedaling	Generally treated like a standard bicycle.		
	Top Assisted Speed:	20 mph			
Class 2 E-bike	Provides Assistance:	When pedaling or by throttle	Generally treated like a standard bicycle. May be restricted from shared use paths or trails.		
	Top Assisted Speed:	20 mph			
Class 3 E-bike	Provides Assistance:	Only when pedaling	More likely to be restricted from shared use		
	Top Assisted Speed:	28 mph	paths or trails. May require use of a helmet, have minimum age requirements, or be subject to other regulation.		









#### New Hampshire Vehicle Registration and License Fees Effective 04/22/2024

<u>Vehicle</u>	Registration	<u>License</u>	Operator Age	Horsepower	Max Powered Speed
Bicycle	None	None	Any	0.25	n/a
E-Bike	None	None	Any, Class 1 & 2	1.0	20
Moped	\$3.00	\$8.00	16	2.0	30
Scooter	Local	\$5.00	16	5.0	20
Motor-driven cycle	\$5.00	\$55.00	16	5.0	Open
Pocket Bike	\$15.00	Drvr or Safety	16	3-7	50
Trail Bike	\$80.00	Drvr or Safety	12	19	Open
Motorcycle	\$15.00	\$30.00	16	10-220	Open
OHRV	\$72.00	Drvr or Safety	12	90	45
OCEV / PEV	None	None	Any	16	60
PEV Unicycles	None	None	Any	13	60

- "Electric motorcycles" are being sold as if bicycles or true e-bikes.
- E-bikes: Three classes, none to exceed a one HP (750 watt) motor with a maximum motor-only speed of 20 MPH.
- Other PEVs, e-motorcycles, scooters, skateboards, and unicycles capable of reaching 60 MPH are on roads, paths, and rail trails.
- Any cycle exceeding one HP or the 20 MPH motor-only speed is called an "Out-of-Class Electric Vehicle" (OCEV) by the bicycle industry.



- Most reputable manufacturers define these machines as "Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles" (OHRV)
- Some OCEVs have motors up to 16 HP rated at 12,000 watts and can achieve speeds of 60 MPH but because they have pedals, they are being sold as if E-bikes. (The pedals only serve as foot rests.)
- Current Electric Unicycles (EUCs) have speeds up to 60 MPH.



- Current NH RSAs define mopeds, scooters, motor-driven cycles and motorcycles, all requiring registration and a licensed or trained operator
- Because OCEVs are incorrectly viewed as E-bikes, no registration, operator license or safety training is currently required.
- OCEVs / PEVs are being used on public roads, multi-use bike-ped paths and rail trails causing problems. Most rail trails ban motorized vehicles and Class 3 E-bikes but with little to no enforcement.
- OCEVs/ PEVs are actually electric motor vehicles that are not regulated in NH therefore, no enforcement is possible.

# Personal Electric Vehicles Legislation: HB 715

- Define (>1 HP) and regulate OCEV / PEV sales, operation, and registration
- Develop / implement a Safety Certification Program via NHDMV for anyone over 12 years of age
- Speed Limit: 5 mph on sidewalks, walking trails; 18 mph on public hiking trails, bike trails, rail trails
- Reflective outerwear after dark; headlight and tail light day & night.
- Protective head gear on < 16 year olds</li>

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- PEV retailers to post signage and inform customers about the device classification and legal areas of use
- Electric unicycles (EUCs) shall be viewed as E-bikes, not motor vehicles
- PEVs shall be exempt from the \$100 EV surcharge if registration is required
- Reflective outerwear after dark; white headlight and blinking red tail light required day and night
- Operator education, courtesy, common sense and trail etiquette are more important than the maximum speed attainable on a PEV