

SENATE BILL No. 1016

January 30, 2002, Introduced by Senators BULLARD, STEIL, HART, NORTH and LELAND and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding sections 13c and 655a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 13C. "ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE"
2 MEANS A SELF-BALANCING NONTANDEM 2-WHEELED DEVICE, DESIGNED TO
3 TRANSPORT ONLY 1 PERSON AT A TIME, HAVING AN ELECTRICAL PROPUL-
4 SION SYSTEM WITH AVERAGE POWER OF 750 WATTS, WHOSE MAXIMUM SPEED
5 ON A PAVED LEVEL SURFACE, WHEN POWERED SOLELY BY SUCH A PROPUL-
6 SION SYSTEM AND RIDDEN BY AN OPERATOR WHO WEIGHS 170 POUNDS, IS
7 LESS THAN 20 MILES PER HOUR.

8 SEC. 655A. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY OPERATE AN ELECTRIC PER-
9 SONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE ON A SIDEWALK OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC
10 AREA OPEN TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

1 (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CITY, COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, OR
2 VILLAGE SHALL NOT PROHIBIT THE SAFE OPERATION OF AN ELECTRIC
3 PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE ON A SIDEWALK OR ANY OTHER
4 PUBLIC AREA OPEN TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.