

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 748
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations
4 on _____)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Thomas)

6 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 45.2 an article numbered 10,
7 consisting of sections numbered 45.2-1740 through 45.2-1743, relating to e-bike rebate program.

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 45.2 an article numbered**
10 **10, consisting of sections numbered 45.2-1740 through 45.2-1743, as follows:**

11 Article 10.

12 Electric Power-Assisted Bicycle Rebate Program.

13 **§ 45.2-1740. Definitions.**

14 As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

15 "Adaptive e-bike" means a qualifying e-bike that is specially designed to meet the needs of the
16 rider, whether due to disability or other condition requiring a specialized vehicle.

17 "Cargo e-bike" means a qualifying e-bike that is specially designed for carrying goods or
18 passengers.

19 "Electric power-assisted bicycle" or "e-bike" means the same as that term is defined in § 46.2-100.

20 "Participating retailer" means a retailer that is engaged in the business of selling electric power-
21 assisted bicycles in the Commonwealth and is participating in the Program.

22 "Program" means the Electric Power-Assisted Bicycle Rebate Program established pursuant to this
23 article.

24 "Purchase" means the purchase or lease of a new electric power-assisted bicycle.

25 "Qualifying e-bike" means an electric power-assisted bicycle that (i) has a manufacturer's
26 suggested retail price of \$6,000 or less, (ii) carries at least a one-year warranty for its structural
27 components, and (iii) is certified as meeting the UL 2849 or EN 15194 industry safety standards.

28 "Retailer" means the same as that term is defined in § 58.1-602.

29 **§ 45.2-1741. Electric Power-Assisted Bicycle Rebate Program.**

30 There is hereby established an Electric Power-Assisted Bicycle Rebate Program for the purchase
31 of new electric power-assisted bicycles to provide an incentive to increase electric power-assisted bicycle
32 awareness and adoption in the Commonwealth. The Program shall be administered by the Department.
33 All funds appropriated for the Program and any other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the
34 state treasury and made available for Program purposes. The Department shall determine the best method
35 to administer the Program, which may include contracting with a third-party administrator. The Director
36 of the Department shall be authorized to examine any records, books, papers, or other documents of any
37 retailer as may be necessary to verify the truth and accuracy of any statement or any other information
38 relating to rebates claimed by the retailer.

39 **§ 45.2-1742. Eligibility for rebate; amount of rebate.**

40 A. 1. Beginning January 1, 2025, a resident of the Commonwealth who purchases a new qualifying
41 e-bike from a participating retailer shall be eligible for a rebate in the following amounts:

- 42 a. For an individual described in clause (i) of subsection B, \$1,100;
- 43 b. For an individual described in clause (ii) of subsection B, \$750; and
- 44 c. For an individual described in clause (iii) of subsection B, \$500.

45 2. In addition to the rebates authorized by subdivision 1, the purchaser of a qualifying e-bike shall
46 be eligible for a rebate of (i) the amount paid or \$100 for the purchase of equipment related to the
47 qualifying e-bike, whichever is less; (ii) \$250 if the qualifying e-bike is an adaptive e-bike; and (iii) \$300
48 if the qualifying e-bike is a cargo e-bike.

