

# Supporting E-Bike Adoption Through Consumer Rebates

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**Sponsor: Representative Blais**

Climate change is the fundamental threat of our time. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts that the planet's temperature will increase by 1.5°C before mid-century, if warming continues at the current rate. The consequences for public health, food security, and the habitability of large parts of our planet will be catastrophic. The transportation sector is the largest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions in Massachusetts.

Supporting electric-assist bicycle (e-bike) adoption will give more Massachusetts residents access to affordable, non-polluting transportation options. E-bikes are designed to be as safe as traditional bicycles, and they remove barriers to riding in ways that benefit bicyclists of all types: for commuting longer distances and over hills; improving physical fitness; accessing critical services; and facilitating healthy aging with older adults. With an e-bike, more bicyclists can ride more often, ride farther, and ride for everyday trips; that means fewer cars on the road, less traffic, and less transportation pollution.

Without rebates, the costs of purchasing e-bikes may be prohibitive for MA residents, especially low-income riders who may be new to bicycling or contemplating replacing their car with an electric bicycle. HD2436, *An act relative to e-bike rebates*, will help make e-bikes affordable for more Massachusetts residents.

- ✓ **Establishes rebates** of up to \$500 for electric bicycle purchases (and up to \$750 for low- and moderate-income consumers), not more than 40% of the retail price of the purchase. Rebates will be administered through the existing MOR-EV rebate program.
- ✓ **Directs the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to evaluate offering electric bicycle rebates at the point of sale** through Massachusetts owned and operated bicycle retailers.

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