

Calendar No. 423

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 2024****[Report No. 107–164]**

To amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize use of electric personal assistive mobility devices on trails and pedestrian walkways constructed or maintained with Federal-aid highway funds.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

JUNE 17, 2002

Reported by Mr. JEFFORDS, without amendment and with an amendment to the title

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the electric personal assistive mobility device
2 employs advances in technology and energy effi-
3 ciency to fully and safely integrate the user with pe-
4 destrian transportation;

5 (2) the device enables individuals to travel far-
6 ther and carry more without use of traditional vehi-
7 cles; and

8 (3) the device—

9 (A) promotes gains in productivity;

10 (B) minimizes environmental impacts; and

11 (C) facilitates better use of public ways.

12 **SEC. 2. USE OF ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY**
13 **DEVICES ON BICYCLE TRAILS AND PEDES-**
14 **TRIAN WALKWAYS.**

15 Section 217 of title 23, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (h)—

18 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
19 the end;

20 (B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
21 paragraph (6); and

22 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
23 following:

24 “(5) when State or local regulations permit,
25 electric personal assistive mobility devices; and”;

1 (2) in subsection (j)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
3 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
5 following:

6 “(3) ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY
7 DEVICE.—The term ‘electric personal assistive mo-
8 bility device’ means a self-balancing, nontandem-
9 wheeled device that—

10 “(A) is designed to transport only 1 person
11 with personal baggage;

12 “(B) is powered solely by an electric pro-
13 pulsion system; and

14 “(C) has a top motor-powered speed not in
15 excess of 20 miles per hour.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize use of electric personal assistive mobility devices on bicycle trails and pedestrian walkways constructed or maintained with Federal-aid highway funds.”.

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