HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 61 (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO WHEELIES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public safety for drivers and pedestrians using the public transportation system in the City and County of Honolulu by addressing the performance of stunts on public roadways.

SECTION 2. Chapter 15, Article 24, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

"**§ 15-24. Wheelies prohibited.**

(a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

Electric Bicycle. A two-wheeled vehicle with handle bars, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor used either to power the vehicle unassisted, or to assist with pedaling.

Moped. Has the same meaning as defined in HRS § 291C-1 and includes an electric bicycle.

Wheelie. A stunt performed by a person while riding on a moped or motorcycle in which the front wheel is raised so that the vehicle is balanced for a moment or longer on its rear wheel or wheels.

(b) *Prohibition.* A person may not perform a wheelie on any public street or roadway; provided that this subsection does not apply to a person performing a wheelie as part of a parade, tournament, or other activity permitted by the city."

SECTION 3. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the underscoring.

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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

NOV 7 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Wheelie; Electric Bicycle; Moped; Motorcycle; Parade; Tournament; Street; Roadway; Stunt; Prohibition

Description:
Prohibits the performance of wheelies on public streets and roadways by drivers of electric bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles, except as part of a parade, tournament, or other activity permitted by the city. Defines a "wheelie" as "[a] stunt performed by a person while riding on an electric bicycle, moped, or motorcycle in which the front wheel is raised so that the vehicle is balanced for a moment or longer on its rear wheel or wheels." Defines "electric bicycle" as "[a] two-wheeled vehicle with handle bars, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor used either to power the vehicle unassisted, or to assist with pedaling." Defines a "moped" to include an electric bicycle.

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