

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Concerns have been raised regarding the narrow definition of a bicycle for purposes of the state transportation law. It has been suggested that the current definition, which is used to enforce rules of the road, does not account for modifications to bicycles designed for use by riders with disabilities. H.B. 3665 seeks to make adaptive bicycles designed for these riders street legal by clarifying ambiguity with regard to the current definition of bicycle.

H.B. 3665 amends current law relating to expanding the definition of bicycle to include modifications necessary for adaptive riding by persons with disabilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 541.201(2), Transportation Code, as follows:

(2) Redefines "bicycle" for purposes of Subtitle C (Rules of the Road) to mean a device, excluding a moped, that is capable of being ridden solely using human power and has either:

(A) two tandem wheels at least one of which is more than 14 inches in diameter;
or

(B) two or more wheels, at least one of which is more than 14 inches in diameter,
and a belt, chain, or gears.

Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.