

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4491**

A bill to establish an electric bicycle transportation incentive program; to provide discount vouchers to certain individuals for the purchase of an eligible electric bicycle; to establish a process for applying, issuing, and reimbursing discount vouchers issued under the program; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state entities and officers.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "Michigan e-bike  
2 transportation incentive program act".

3           Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4           (a) "Department" means the department of treasury.

5           (b) "Electric bicycle" or "e-bike" means electric bicycle as  
6 that term is defined in section 13e of the Michigan vehicle code,



1 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.13e.

2 (c) "Eligible e-bike" means a new e-bike that satisfies all of  
3 the following:

4 (i) Has a base manufacturer's retail price of not more than  
5 \$8,000.00.

6 (ii) Has a minimum manufacturer's warranty period of 1 year and  
7 that warranty covers service within this state.

8 (iii) Has a UL 2849 certification or EN 15194 certification for  
9 its battery and electrical system.

10 (d) "Eligible electric bicycle retailer" means an electric  
11 bicycle retailer that has registered with this state to participate  
12 in the e-bike transportation incentive program established under  
13 this act.

14 (e) "Income-qualified resident" means a qualified resident of  
15 this state who meets 1 of the following:

16 (i) Is currently enrolled in the Michigan low-income energy  
17 assistance program (LIEAP).

18 (ii) Is currently enrolled in the Michigan weatherization  
19 assistance program (WAP).

20 (iii) Is currently enrolled in the supplemental nutrition  
21 assistance program (SNAP).

22 (iv) Is currently enrolled in the temporary assistance for  
23 needy families program (TANF).

24 (v) Is currently enrolled in a medical assistance program  
25 administered by this state and established under section 105 of the  
26 social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.105.

27 (vi) Is an individual or family with a household income that is  
28 less than or equal to 300% of the federal poverty level for an  
29 individual or for that family's family size.



1 (f) "Office of future mobility and electrification" means the  
2 Michigan office of future mobility and electrification created by  
3 the department of labor and economic opportunity pursuant to  
4 Executive Directive 2020-1.

5 (g) "Qualified resident" means a resident of this state who is  
6 at least 18 years of age.

7 (h) "Resident" means an individual who has in this state the  
8 individual's true, fixed, and permanent home and principal  
9 establishment to which the individual intends to return whenever  
10 absent. An individual is a resident until the individual  
11 establishes a permanent establishment outside this state.

12 Sec. 5. (1) The department, in consultation with the office of  
13 future mobility and electrification, shall establish, implement,  
14 and administer an e-bike transportation incentive program to issue  
15 discount vouchers to residents of this state for the purchase of  
16 eligible e-bikes. The department, in cooperation with the office of  
17 future mobility and electrification, shall conduct outreach  
18 programs and implement a marketing campaign for promotion of the e-  
19 bike transportation incentive program.

20 (2) The department shall develop an application process for  
21 residents to apply for a discount voucher that may be presented to  
22 an eligible electric bicycle retailer and applied at the point of  
23 sale. The department may require applicants to submit documentation  
24 with the application as necessary to determine eligibility of the  
25 applicant for a discount voucher under the e-bike transportation  
26 incentive program.

27 (3) Subject to the limitations under this section, upon  
28 receipt of a completed application, the department shall determine  
29 if the applicant is a qualified resident or an income-qualified



1 resident and, if eligible, issue a discount voucher, along with a  
2 list of eligible electric bicycle retailers in this state, to that  
3 applicant as follows:

4 (a) For a qualified resident, a discount voucher in an amount  
5 equal to 90% of the retail price of the eligible e-bike or \$300.00,  
6 whichever is less.

7 (b) For an income-qualified resident, a discount voucher in an  
8 amount equal to 90% of the retail price of the eligible e-bike or  
9 \$600.00, whichever is less.

10 (4) From the funds appropriated to support the e-bike  
11 transportation incentive program, the department shall, if  
12 possible, utilize at least 50% of the annual amount funded to issue  
13 discount vouchers to income-qualified residents.

14 (5) The department shall not issue more than 1 discount  
15 voucher per applicant per eligible e-bike. The qualified resident  
16 or income-qualified resident must redeem the discount voucher  
17 issued under the e-bike transportation incentive program within 1  
18 year from the date of issuance.

19 (6) The department shall not issue discount vouchers under the  
20 e-bike transportation incentive program after December 31, 2028.

21 Sec. 7. (1) An electric bicycle retailer that wants to  
22 participate in the e-bike transportation incentive program must  
23 register with the department. If the electric bicycle retailer has  
24 a physical retail location in this state, that retailer must  
25 provide the department with the name and location of each place of  
26 business in this state operated by that retailer that sells  
27 eligible e-bikes. If the electric bicycle retailer does not have a  
28 physical retail location in this state, that retailer must provide  
29 the department with the name and location of its principal place of



1 business.

2 (2) Unless the discount voucher has expired as described in  
3 section 5(5), an eligible electric bicycle retailer must honor a  
4 discount voucher issued under the e-bike transportation incentive  
5 program for the purchase of an eligible e-bike. An eligible  
6 electric bicycle retailer shall honor a discount voucher issued  
7 under this program only for an eligible e-bike.

8 (3) To be reimbursed for discount vouchers redeemed, the  
9 eligible electric bicycle retailer shall, in a form and manner as  
10 prescribed by the department, return the voucher to the department  
11 along with a copy of the receipt and supporting documentation that  
12 the discount voucher was used to purchase an eligible e-bike. The  
13 department shall not reimburse an eligible electric bicycle  
14 retailer for a voucher that was expired as described in section  
15 5(5) at the time of redemption.

16 Sec. 9. Not later than May 15, 2025 and each May 15 after 2025  
17 through 2029, the department, in consultation with the office of  
18 future mobility and electrification, shall submit to the governor,  
19 the clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of the  
20 senate, the chairperson of each standing committee that has  
21 jurisdiction over matters relating to the environment and  
22 transportation, and the chairperson of each legislative budget  
23 subcommittee that has jurisdiction over environment and  
24 transportation issues an annual report concerning the operation and  
25 effectiveness of the e-bike transportation incentive program  
26 established under this act. The report shall include all of the  
27 following information for the immediately preceding calendar year:

28 (a) The number of eligible electric bicycle retailers  
29 participating in the e-bike transportation incentive program and



1 the names of those retailers.

2 (b) The number of applicants that applied for a discount  
3 voucher and the number of discount vouchers issued to qualified  
4 residents and income-qualified residents, respectively.

5 (c) The total amount of discount vouchers that were used and  
6 reimbursed to eligible electric bicycle retailers.

