

Dear Members,

We write to update you on a significant action taken yesterday by the City of New York as they work to safeguard all from unsafe and uncertified lithium-ion batteries.

The New York City Council has approved a bill that will specifically require the certification of electric bicycles, electric scooters, and lithium-ion batteries to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards. [Int 0663-2022](#).

The National Bicycle Dealers Association has been advocating for manufacturers to certify to UL2849 and UL 2271, as we look to protect our retailers, riders, and continued growth of e bike sales. We see this top-level certification as the ultimate safeguard to ensure electric mobility devices and batteries have gone through the proper testing.

The first of its kind, this approved law will require all electric bicycles sold in New York City to be certified to UL 2849, all electric scooters to be certified to UL 2272, and all lithium-ion batteries for mobility devices to be certified to UL 2271. The National Bicycle Dealers Association worked closely with the City Council to advocate for the consideration of the bicycle specialty retailer regarding the new bill and provision. The law will go into effect 180 days after enactment, giving retailers and vendors at least 6 months to adjust product mix to meet the new law. We understand this timing is tight and will do all we can to help our retailers and brands during this transition.

The National Bicycle Dealers Association has formed relationships with many testing labs and has been working to assist all brands to meet certification requirements. We are certain that with the passing of the New York City law, other jurisdictions nationally will follow the lead and enact similar laws. With this we are confident that as an industry our products across brands will be safer for retailers to keep in store and ultimately sell to consumer, thus in return ensuring the continued growth of e mobility product sales.

Earlier this year we created a National Database for e mobility brands to list certifications and insurances held. This "opt in" database was created to assist our members as an easy reference tool when working to determine which brands hold which certifications. We will continue to advocate for e mobility brands to [submit data](#) and build up this tool for our members.

The passing of this bill in NYC will remove the low-quality bicycles with uncertified systems from New York City. This will be a hardship for those riders and workers who rely on these lower cost units. We urge retailers to consider offering used certified mobility products, financing options, and stocking the most economical certified product available.

Working with Human Powered Solutions we have created many resources for our members to access for additional information on e bike safety. We urge you to review our document on [Battery Safety Practices](#) and consider this as a resource to be provided to consumers upon purchase of their new bicycle.

The National Bicycle Dealers Association will continue to work close with all

appropriate firms to safeguard our members, riders, and industry. We are working on safe storage solutions for in store, and additional educational content aimed at driving profitable thriving future e mobility sales.

We appreciate PeopleForBikes for the excellent work they are doing to support on all levels. Thanks to their hard work we have an excellent battery recycling program in place with [Call2Recycle](#). We are also aware of additional consumer facing deliverables around education that are in development through PeopleForBikes to be presented at the upcoming Bicycle Leadership Conference in Mid-March. We will update our members as we learn more.

Please reach out with any questions you may have around this important topic.

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