

# Calendar No. 423

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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[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.

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## 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

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## A BILL

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.

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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