

HB 592 -- PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES

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This bill sets out the requirements for and prohibitions against the operation and use of a personal delivery device.

A "personal delivery device" is defined as a powered device operated primarily on sidewalks and crosswalks and intended primarily for the transport of property on public rights-of-way, and is capable of navigating with or without the active control or monitoring of a natural person.

The bill allows a personal delivery device to operate on any county or municipal sidewalk, crosswalk or roadway as long as the device does not interfere with motor vehicles, traffic, or block a public right-of-way. A personal delivery device shall have all of the rights and responsibilities as a pedestrian, must display a unique identifying number, and be equipped to identify the personal delivery device operator. When operating on a sidewalk or crosswalk the device's maximum speed is 10 miles per hour and must be equipped with front and rear lighting.

The bill requires each personal delivery device operator to maintain a general liability coverage insurance policy of at least \$100,000 for damages arising from the combined operations of personal delivery devices under a personal delivery device operator's control.

A personal delivery device shall not transport hazardous material as specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2290 (2020).