

## INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX Electric-assisted bicycle rebate

January 29, 2025

General Fund

DOR Administrative
Costs/Savings

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Fund Impact			
F.Y. 2026	F.Y. 2027	F.Y. 2028	F.Y. 2029
	(00	00's)	
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Effective the day following enactment.

## **EXPLANATION OF THE BILL**

**Current Law:** Individuals may receive a rebate certificate for 50% to 75% of eligible expenses related to an electric assisted bicycle and any qualifying accessories. The maximum rebate is \$1,500. An eligible individual must be at least 15 years old, a Minnesota resident, and not claimed as a dependent on another tax return.

The rebate percentage is 75%, reduced by one percentage point for each \$4,000 of adjusted gross income over \$50,000 for married joint filers and \$25,000 for all other filers, to a minimum of 50%.

Total rebate certificates issued must not exceed \$2 million in calendar years 2024 and 2025.

The Commissioner of Revenue allocates the rebate certificates on a first-come, first-served basis, except that 40% of the certificates must be reserved for taxpayers with adjusted gross income of less than \$78,000 for married joint filers or \$41,000 for any other filers.

**Proposed Law:** The bill changes the certificate allocation process from a first-come, first-served basis to a lottery basis.

Additionally, the bill requires the Commissioner of Revenue to submit a report by January 15, 2026 on the electric-assisted bicycle rebate program, including details about the application process, the issues it faced, and the anticipated programming that switching to a lottery system will require. The report must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over taxes and transportation.

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## **REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL**

• The bill will have no impact on the total amount of rebates, although it may affect which taxpayers receive the rebate.

**Number of Taxpayers:** In 2024, roughly 1,500 certificates were issued totaling \$2.0 million, with 1,300 of those being claimed for a total of \$1.8 million.

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