

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS DIXON, MILLS, WALTER, FUDOLI, HARDWICK and RATH**

Re: Opposing New York State Assembly Bills A. 5429 and A. 5430, which would impose registration fees for bicycles

WHEREAS, there has been much discourse recently about the costs of healthcare and how to effectively provide healthcare to Americans; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this discussion, it is universally understood that exercise is an effective preventative way to improve overall health and reduce the need for curative healthcare; and

WHEREAS, bicycle riding is a relatively low cost form of exercise; and

WHEREAS, bicycle riding is an activity enjoyed by families and can be used to instill a life-long love of exercise in children; and

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly Bill A. 5429 would impose an annual registration fee on each and every bicycle in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the use of bicycles also has the benefit of reducing emissions from motor vehicles if the bicycles are used in lieu of automobiles for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly Bill A. 5430 would impose an annual registration fee on bicycles used for commercial purposes in New York State; and

WHEREAS, although these Assembly bills, if passed and implemented, would be an effective cash grab to plug a hole in the New York State budget as an alternative to cutting spending, they would have a negative effect in that they would deter the use of an environmentally friendly form of transportation and would discourage a family friendly form of exercise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature opposes the passage of New York State Assembly Bills A. 5429 and A. 5430 and any companion bills in the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and the local delegation to the New York State Legislature.

Fiscal Impact: None



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### A. 5429 Summary:

BILL NO A05429

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SPONSOR DenDekker

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Add S401-c, V & T L

Relates to the annual registration of personal bicycles and provides for a license plate fee of twenty-five dollars for the first year and five dollars for every year thereafter.

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### A. 5429 Text:

S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

5429

2011-2012 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

February 18, 2011

Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law in relation to the registration of personal bicycles

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-

BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 401-c to read as follows:

3 S 401-C. REGISTRATION OF PERSONAL BICYCLES. EVERY PERSONAL BICYCLE  
4 SHALL BE REGISTERED ANNUALLY, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. PERSONAL  
5 BICYCLES SHALL BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE IDENTIFYING IT AS A PERSONAL  
6 BICYCLE.

7 1. PERSONAL BICYCLES SHALL BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE UPON PASSING AN  
8 INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE INSPECTION SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE  
9 BICYCLE CONFORMS WITH THE LAMP AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
10 TWELVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. THE FEE FOR SUCH LICENSE  
11 PLATES SHALL BE TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS THE FIRST YEAR AND SHALL BE REDUCED  
12 TO FIVE DOLLARS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

13 2. LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN SHALL  
14 BEAR A DISTINCTIVE MARK AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

15 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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### A. 5430 Summary:

BILL NO A05430

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Add S401-c, V & T L

Relates to the registration of commercial bicycles; provides for a license fee of fifty dollars; requires casualty insurance for such bicycles.

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### A. 5430 Text:

S T A T E   O F   N E W   Y O R K

5430

2011-2012 Regular Sessions

I N   A S S E M B L Y

February 18, 2011

Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the registration of commercial bicycles and requires casualty insurance for such bicycles

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-

BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 401-c to read as follows:  
3 S 401-C. REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL BICYCLES. EVERY COMMERCIAL BICYCLE  
4 SHALL BE REGISTERED, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. COMMERCIAL BICYCLES  
5 SHALL BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE IDENTIFYING IT AS A COMMERCIAL BICYCLE.  
6 COMMERCIAL BICYCLES SHALL BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE UPON PASSING AN  
7 INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE INSPECTION SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE  
8 BICYCLE CONFORMS WITH THE LAMP AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
9 TWELVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. THE FEE FOR SUCH LICENSE  
10 PLATES SHALL BE FIFTY DOLLARS.  
11 1. AN OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIAL BICYCLE MUST HAVE A FORM OF IDENTIFICA-  
12 TION PROVIDING HIS OR HER NAME. REGISTRANTS SHALL BE ISSUED REGISTRATION  
13 CARDS WHICH MUST BE CARRIED WHILE OPERATING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL  
14 PURPOSES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LIST OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS  
15 PERTAINING TO BICYCLE OPERATION FOR EACH BICYCLE REGISTERED.  
16 2. REGISTRANTS SHALL OBTAIN PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE TO COVER  
17 ANYONE WHO OPERATES A COMMERCIAL BICYCLE.  
18 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
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