



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

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**TO: MSSNY Council**

**FROM: Jocelyn Young, DO**  
**MSSNY Public Health and Education Commissioner**

**SUBJ: 2023 Resolution 116 – Moving Vehicles**

MSSNY House of Delegates determined that the 2023 Resolution 116 – Moving Vehicles should be referred to the MSSNY Council and council in turn referred the resolution to the Preventive Medicine and Family Health Committee. At the February 8, 2024, meeting of the PMFH Committee, one of the sponsors were invited to the committee to discuss this resolution:

**RESOLVED, there should be licenses and license plates, vehicle registration required to be issued to all vehicles with wheels that are motorized; and be it further,**

**RESOLVED, any vehicle that is found on sidewalks or the streets must carry insurance as they may cause injury to people and property; and be it further,**

**RESOLVED, violations must carry a fine or removal of license to operate vehicle for repeated offenses, such as lack of helmet, riding against traffic, driving while under influence of any substance that can alter reaction time and judgement.**

Dr. Lisa Eng spoke on the resolution and indicated to the committee members that e-bike and e scooters are being driven on sidewalks and streets and they don't appear to be obeying the traffic signs in NY City. She also indicated that riders of e-bikes place children on them in from so they become tandem scooters. She also indicated that there may be increased morbidities and mortalities, along with damage to cars. Dr. Eng indicated that the main purpose of the resolution is to have current law enforced and that those that ride these e-bikes or scooters have insurance coverage. At the meeting, committee members discussed the various laws that have been enacted by the NY Department of Motor Vehicles and some of them thought that the issue was really about the locality not enforcing the current laws. Additionally, there were comments made about e-bikes that are privately owned and those that are owned by various insurance or commercial entities and ensuring that those groups have insurance coverage. There was a suggestion that the committee study this issue further, but there was no interest in that at the present time. There were comments made about the equity issues about who uses the devices and ensuring that the resolution called upon the Medical Society to act. The committee agreed that this

resolution did have merit from a safety standpoint but thought that it would be better if this resolution was further clarified by the sponsors and brought back to the 2024 House of Delegates for its consideration. Therefore, the Preventive Medicine and Family Health Committee makes the following recommendation to the MSSNY Council:

**The MSSNY's Preventive Medicine and Family Health Committee recommends that this resolution not be adopted, and that the resolution be further clarified by the sponsors with the intent of this resolution being brought to the 2024 House of Delegates.**

**(FOR MSSNY COUNCIL ACTION)**