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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to regulation of electric personal assistive  
2 mobility devices.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 20B, Code Supplement  
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 20B. "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a  
4 self-balancing device powered by an electric propulsion system  
5 that averages seven hundred fifty watts, has two nontandem  
6 wheels, and is designed to transport one person, with a  
7 maximum speed on a paved level surface of less than twenty  
8 miles per hour. The maximum speed shall be calculated based  
9 on operation of the device by a person who weighs one hundred  
10 seventy pounds when the device is powered solely by the  
11 electric propulsion system. For purposes of this chapter,  
12 "electric personal assistive mobility device" does not include  
13 an assistive device as defined in section 216E.1.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill amends the definition of "electric personal  
16 assistive mobility device", for purposes of motor vehicle  
17 regulation under Code chapter 321. Under the bill, an  
18 assistive device, such as a wheelchair, that is used to  
19 increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of  
20 an individual with a disability concerning a major life  
21 activity is exempt from motor vehicle laws applicable to  
22 electric personal assistive mobility devices.

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