



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 79

Introduced by: **Senator Howard**

1 **An Act to permit the operation of a Class I electric bicycle on the Mickelson Trail.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 41-17-27 be AMENDED:**

4 **41-17-27.** ~~No person~~An individual may ~~not~~ operate ~~any a~~ motorized vehicle within
5 the right-of-way of the ~~Black Hills Burlington Northern Heritage~~ George S. Mickelson Trail.

6 ~~The provisions of this~~This section ~~do~~ does not apply to:

7 (1) ~~Any person~~An individual operating a snowmobile, from December first to March
8 thirty-first, inclusive, on the trail from Lead/Deadwood south to the Dumont
9 trailhead, excluding the portion of the right-of-way crossing the subdivisions known
10 as Englewood Acres and Black Forest Ranchettes;

11 (2) ~~Any~~A governmental employee while in the performance of ~~his~~an official duty;

12 (3) ~~Any~~A member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force, while in the
13 performance of ~~his~~an official duty;

14 (4) ~~Any person whose use is~~An individual authorized ~~for~~ by the Department of Game,
15 Fish and Parks to operate a motorized vehicle within the right-of-way, for a purpose
16 other than a recreational purposes by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks
17 purpose, under a permit, lease, or contract; ~~and~~

18 (5) ~~Any person~~An individual operating a self-propelled wheelchair; or

19 (6) An individual operating a Class I electric bicycle, as defined in § 32-20B-9.

20 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.