

Chapter 178
(Senate Bill 79)

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

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

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

41-17-27. ~~No person~~An individual may ~~not~~ operate ~~any a~~ motorized vehicle within the right-of-way of the ~~Black Hills Burlington Northern Heritage George S. Mickelson~~ Trail. ~~The provisions of this~~This section ~~do does~~ not apply to:

- (1) ~~Any person~~An individual operating a snowmobile, from December first to March thirty-first, inclusive, on the trail from Lead/Deadwood south to the Dumont trailhead, excluding the portion of the right-of-way crossing the subdivisions known as Englewood Acres and Black Forest Ranchettes;
- (2) ~~Any~~A governmental employee while in the performance of ~~his~~an official duty;
- (3) ~~Any~~A member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force, while in the performance of ~~his~~an official duty;
- (4) ~~Any person whose use is~~An individual authorized ~~for by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to operate a motorized vehicle within the right-of-way, for a purpose~~ other than a recreational ~~purposes by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks purpose,~~ under a permit, lease, or contract; ~~and~~
- (5) ~~Any person~~An individual operating a self-propelled wheelchair; or
- (6) An individual operating a Class I electric bicycle, as defined in § 32-20B-9.

A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Signed March 11, 2025
