



1 include an electric personal assistive mobility device as defined in G.S.  
2 20-4.01(7a)."

3 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-51 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

4 "(14) Electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in G.S.  
5 20-4.01(7a)."

6 **SECTION 5.** Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by  
7 adding a new Part to read:

8 "Part 11C. Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices.

9 "**§ 20-175.6. Electric personal assistive mobility devices.**

10 (a) Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device. – As defined in G.S.  
11 20-4.01(7a).

12 (b) Exempt From Registration. – As provided in G.S. 20-51.

13 (c) Use of Device. – An electric personal assistive mobility device may be  
14 operated on public highways with posted speeds of 25 miles per hour or less, sidewalks,  
15 and bicycle paths. A person operating an electric personal assistive mobility device on a  
16 sidewalk, roadway, or bicycle path shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other  
17 human-powered devices. A person operating an electric personal assistive mobility  
18 device shall have all rights and duties of a pedestrian, including the rights and duties set  
19 forth in Part 11 of this Article.

20 (d) Municipal Regulation. – For the purpose of assuring the safety of persons  
21 using highways and sidewalks, municipalities having jurisdiction over public streets,  
22 sidewalks, alleys, bridges, and other ways of public passage may by ordinance regulate  
23 the time, place, and manner of the operation of electric personal assistive mobility  
24 devices, but shall not prohibit their use."

25 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.