

PRESS RELEASE

With AB 1569 Through the Legislature, RidePermit Says the E-Bike Safety Training It Requires Is Already Running

The free platform launched in Orange County last month and is issuing permits to families today. Districts would not need to build or buy anything.

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. — August 18, 2026 — AB 1569 (Davies, Chen) passed the California Assembly 77-0 and the Senate 39-0 and was ordered to engrossing and enrolling on August 11. The bill directs the California Department of Education and the California Highway Patrol to develop a standardized e-bike safety curriculum for grades 7 through 12 and encourages local safety programs. It now awaits action by the Governor.

RidePermit, a free e-bike safety training and permitting platform, says the operational layer that kind of program requires already exists and is running. The platform launched publicly on July 31 and is issuing permits to Orange County families today.

“Every district in California is about to be asked to do something they have no system for. We built the system, it works, and it is free. Nobody has to wait for a procurement cycle to start keeping kids safer.”

— Anthony “Tony” Bright, Founder and CEO, RidePermit, Inc

WHAT IS ALREADY RUNNING

- **Safety training and a scored assessment**, with a mandatory question that blocks the credential if missed, regardless of overall score.
- **A parent attestation** signed under penalty of perjury covering the bike’s class, its current configuration, and the rules of the road.
- **A free digital permit** a school or an officer can verify with a scan, with a verified parent contact on file.
- **A public legality checker** covering 1,211 e-bike models, 388 of which are flagged as configurable past their labeled class. Free, no account required.
- **Administrative dashboards** with de-identified reporting that rolls up from campus to district to county to state.

NO COST TO DISTRICTS OR FAMILIES

RidePermit is free to school districts and free to cities, with no procurement, no contract, and no line item. The digital permit is always free to families. An optional physical decal is \$25 new and \$15 renewal, and is sponsor-funded through the RidePermit Access Fund for families who cannot pay. The platform is architected for all 992 California school districts and 5.7 million K-12 students.

A 2024 Orange County Grand Jury investigation found all 34 cities in the county operating under different, inconsistent e-bike rules. RidePermit is designed so a district always remains the decision-maker for its own campuses, which keeps policy consistent for students who cross city lines on the way to school.

Voice of OC covered the Orange County launch on August 12, reporting that Children’s Hospital of Orange County treated one e-bike trauma patient in 2021 and 201 in 2025. RidePermit is currently in conversation with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Orange County school districts, CalBike, PeopleForBikes, and Los Angeles council offices. Los Angeles Council File 26-0548, which would require annual publication of e-bike data, cleared the city’s Public Safety Committee on August 12.

ABOUT RIDEPERMIT

RidePermit is a free digital e-bike permitting and safety-training platform for California families and school districts, built by RidePermit, Inc. Founded by 30-year technologist Anthony “Tony” Bright, RidePermit was created independently out of personal concern for student e-bike safety. The digital permit is always free to families and the platform is free to school districts, with an optional physical decal available for a modest fee (\$25 new, \$15 renewal).

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