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Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the use of a fireproof blanket, bag or container when charging a bicycle with electric assist or an electric scooter

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 1244 to read as follows:

3 § 1244. Battery pack; fireproof blanket. 1. Every bicycle with elec-
4 tric assist shall be sold with a fiberglass fireproof blanket which
5 shall be used when charging the bicycle with electric assist. Every
6 person charging a bicycle with electric assist shall place the lithium-
7 ion battery pack under such fiberglass fireproof blanket, or in a fire-
8 proof bag or container, while the charging is taking place. If the
9 battery cannot be removed from the bicycle with electric assist and
10 charged separately, then a fiberglass fireproof blanket shall be placed
11 over the entire bicycle with electric assist.

12 2. Sellers of bicycles with electric assist shall include a fiberglass
13 fireproof blanket or fireproof bag or container which meets the require-
14 ments of this section for the particular bicycle with electric assist
15 being purchased with each purchase of a bicycle with electric assist.

16 3. A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of five
17 hundred dollars for the first violation and an additional five hundred
18 dollars for each subsequent violation.

19 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
20 1290 to read as follows:

21 § 1290. Battery pack; fireproof blanket. 1. Every electric scooter
22 shall be sold with a fiberglass fireproof blanket which shall be used
23 when charging the electric scooter. Every person charging an electric
24 scooter shall place the lithium-ion battery pack under such fiberglass

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 fireproof blanket, or in a fireproof bag or container, while the charg-
2 ing is taking place. If the battery cannot be removed from the electric
3 scooter and charged separately, then a fiberglass fireproof blanket
4 shall be placed over the entire electric scooter.

5 2. Sellers of electric scooters shall include a fiberglass fireproof
6 blanket or fireproof bag or container which meets the requirements of
7 this section for the particular electric scooter being purchased with
8 each purchase of an electric scooter.

9 3. A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of five
10 hundred dollars for the first violation and an additional five hundred
11 dollars for each subsequent violation.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.