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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to updating the fire safety components of school buses

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
2 adding two new subdivisions 21-j and 21-k to read as follows:
3 21-J. (A) EVERY SCHOOL BUS MANUFACTURED FOR USE IN THIS STATE ON OR
4 AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN SHALL CONTAIN OCCUPANT SEATING
5 WHICH MEETS THE FIRE SAFETY CRITERIA OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING
6 MATERIALS TEST E 1537.
7 (B) THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND
8 REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR TESTING TO PROMOTE THE FIRE SAFE-
9 TY OF SCHOOL BUSES AND SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING
10 REQUIREMENTS:
11 1. THAT WHEN THE TEST IS CONDUCTED ON A COMPLETE SEAT ASSEMBLY INSIDE
12 A TEST ROOM OR A SCHOOL BUS THAT THE SEATING WILL FAIL THE REQUIREMENTS
13 OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION IF EITHER THE SEAT ASSEMBLY EXHIB-
14 ITS A WEIGHT LOSS OF THREE POUNDS OR GREATER DURING THE FIRST TEN
15 MINUTES OF THE TEST OR THE SEAT ASSEMBLY EXHIBITS A HEAT RELEASE RATE OF
16 EIGHTY KILOWATTS OR GREATER.
17 2. THAT ON AND AFTER THE DATE THE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS TAKE EFFECT IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBDIVISION NO SCHOOL BUS SHALL BE SOLD OR OFFERED
19 FOR SALE IN THIS STATE UNLESS THE MANUFACTURER HAS CERTIFIED TO SUCH
20 COMMISSIONER, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO SUCH COMMISSIONER, THAT THE FIRE
21 SAFETY CRITERIA STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBDIVISION HAVE BEEN MET.

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

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1 21-K. (A) ALL PLASTIC COMPONENTS CONTAINED IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT
2 OF EVERY SCHOOL BUS MANUFACTURED FOR USE IN THIS STATE ON OR AFTER JANU-
3 ARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN SHALL MEET A V-0 CLASSIFICATION WHEN
4 TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES STANDARDS FOR SAFETY
5 UL 94.
6 (B) THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND
7 REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR TESTING OF PLASTIC ENGINE COMPO-
8 NENTS AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION TO PROMOTE THE
9 FIRE SAFETY OF SCHOOL BUSES AND SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE
10 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENT: THAT ON AND AFTER THE DATE THE FIRE SAFETY STAND-
11 ARDS TAKE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBDIVISION NO SCHOOL BUS SHALL
12 BE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN THIS STATE UNLESS THE MANUFACTURER HAS
13 CERTIFIED TO SUCH COMMISSIONER, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO SUCH COMMISSION-
14 ER, THAT THE FIRE SAFETY CRITERIA STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBDIVI-
15 SION HAVE BEEN MET.
16 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.