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Introduced by Sen. FLANAGAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to certain smoke detecting devices

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

1     Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section  
2     399-ccc to read as follows:  
3     S 399-CCC. SMOKE DETECTING DEVICES. 1. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY  
4     PERSON OR ENTITY TO DISTRIBUTE, SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, OR IMPORT ANY  
5     SOLELY BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTING ALARM DEVICE POWERED BY A  
6     REPLACEABLE, REMOVABLE BATTERY NOT CAPABLE OF POWERING SUCH DEVICE FOR A  
7     MINIMUM OF TEN YEARS.  
8     2. ALL PRODUCT PACKAGING CONTAINING A SOLELY BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE  
9     DETECTING ALARM DEVICE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:  
10    (A) THE MANUFACTURER'S NAME OR REGISTERED TRADEMARK AND THE MODEL  
11    NUMBER OF THE SMOKE DETECTING ALARM DEVICE; AND  
12    (B) THAT SUCH ALARM DEVICE IS DESIGNED TO HAVE A MINIMUM BATTERY LIFE  
13    OF TEN YEARS.  
14    3. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO SOLELY BATTERY  
15    OPERATED SMOKE DETECTING ALARM DEVICE POWERED BY A REPLACEABLE, REMOVA-  
16    BLE BATTERY NOT CAPABLE OF POWERING SUCH DEVICE FOR A MINIMUM OF TEN  
17    YEARS WHICH HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY, OR ARE IN THE INVENTORY OF, OWNERS,  
18    MANAGING AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, WHOLESALERS OR RETAILERS ON OR BEFORE THE  
19    EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
20    ALSO APPLY TO SMOKE DETECTING ALARM DEVICES WHICH RECEIVE THEIR POWER  
21    FROM THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OF THE BUILDING, FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS WITH  
22    SMOKE DETECTORS, FIRE ALARM DEVICES THAT CONNECT TO A PANEL, OR OTHER  
23    DEVICES THAT USE A LOW-POWER RADIO FREQUENCY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION  
24    SIGNAL.  
25    S 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016; provided however,  
26    that effective immediately, all actions and procedures with respect to  
27    the proposed adoption, amendment, suspension or repeal of any rule or  
28    regulation necessary for the timely implementation of this act are

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

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1 directed and authorized to be made and completed on or before such  
2 effective date.