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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring warnings on certain lithium batteries and products containing such batteries

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

1 Section 1. Section 490-c of the general business law is amended by  
2 adding two new subdivisions 3 and 4 to read as follows:  
3 3. ALL PRODUCTS SOLD IN THIS STATE WHICH UTILIZE LITHIUM BATTERIES OF  
4 LESS THAN ONE INCH IN DIAMETER AS A SOURCE OF POWER SHALL BE PACKAGED  
5 WITH LANGUAGE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:  
6 "WARNING: THIS PRODUCT IS POWERED BY A LITHIUM BATTERY. DUE TO THEIR  
7 SMALL SIZE, LITHIUM BATTERIES CAN EASILY BE SWALLOWED BY CHILDREN.  
8 INGESTION OF SUCH BATTERIES HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CAUSE DEATH."  
9 4. ALL LITHIUM BATTERIES OF LESS THAN ONE INCH IN DIAMETER SOLD IN  
10 THIS STATE, OR USED IN PRODUCTS SOLD IN THIS STATE, SHALL HAVE PRINTED  
11 UPON THEM THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:  
12 "WARNING: THIS IS A LITHIUM BATTERY WHICH IF SWALLOWED HAS BEEN KNOWN  
13 TO CAUSE DEATH."  
14 S 2. The department of health shall promulgate any rules and regu-  
15 lations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.  
16 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
17 it shall have become a law.

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

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