STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 19, 2017

Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the general business law, in relation to the labeling of electronic cigarette packaging

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

Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 1399-cc of the public health law, as amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

7. No person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, liquid nicotine, shisha or electronic cigarettes are sold or offered for sale shall sell, permit to be sold, offer for sale or display for sale any tobacco product, herbal cigarettes, liquid nicotine, shisha or electronic cigarettes in any manner, unless such products and cigarettes are stored for sale (a) behind a counter in an area accessible only to the personnel of such business, or (b) in a locked container; provided, however, such restriction shall not apply to tobacco businesses, as defined in subdivision eight of section thirteen hundred ninety-nine-aa of this article, and to places to which admission is restricted to persons eighteen years of age or older. **Provided, further, that, in the case of electronic cigarettes, the packages thereof shall comply with the provisions of section three hundred ninety-eight-f of the general business law.**

§ 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 398-f to read as follows:

§ 398-f. Electronic cigarette package labeling. 1. Every package containing an electronic cigarette, as defined in subdivision thirteen of section thirteen hundred ninety-nine-aa of the public health law, sold, offered for sale or otherwise distributed without charge within this state, shall have printed thereon or attached thereto a warning

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

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label. Such label shall contain the following statement: "WARNING: Explosion Hazard: this product may overheat, catch fire or explode."

2. Any person, firm, corporation or association who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each such violation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.