STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WILLIAMS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring warning labels on drinks containing tapioca pearls

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-k to read as follows:

§ 399-k. Warning labels on drinks containing tapioca pearls. 1. On every drink container containing tapioca pearls, commonly known as "bubble tea", sold within this state, there shall be printed thereon or attached thereto a warning label. Such label shall contain the following statement: "WARNING: The tapioca pearls found in this product are a choking hazard and can lead to digestive issues if ingested."

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after 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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