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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PALMESANO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to educating the public about the health and environmental impacts of lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles, and the manufacturing thereof

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 19-0301 of the environmental conservation law is amended to read as follows:

b. Encourage voluntary cooperation by all persons in controlling air**, water and soil** pollution and air**, water and soil** contamination**, including, but not limited to, educating the public about the health and environmental impacts of lithium-ion battery use and manufacture, such as toxicity and contamination resultant from battery leakage or deterioration, environmental impacts of lithium-ion battery casualties and disposal and health risks associated with exposure to lithium-ion battery components. The department shall also consider the environmental, health and safety factors associated with extreme-heat lithium battery fires, and effects on the equipment, health and safety of first responders in the event of an extreme-heat battery casualty. Such education shall, at a minimum, include developing and distributing educational materials and posting such information on the department's website**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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