STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 28, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring retailers of bicycles with electric assist and electric batteries to provide customers with an operating manual; and to amend the real property law, in relation to requiring residential leases to contain a lease rider indicating that the tenant agrees to not use electrical outlets for charging of electric batteries in such leased residence

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 391-cc to read as follows:

§ 391-cc. Sale of bicycles with electric assist; sale of electric batteries. No person regularly engaged in the business of selling bicycles with electric assist or lithium ion electric batteries at retail shall sell any such bicycles or batteries without providing the purchaser an operating manual for such bicycle with electric assist or for such lithium ion electric battery. Such operating manual shall include instructions on how to store and charge the battery, when and where to charge the battery, and what to do if the battery overheats or leaks, there is a strange odor or noise associated with the battery or there is a change in the shape or color of the battery.

§ 2. The real property law is amended by adding a new section 235-j to read as follows:

§ 235-j. Lease rider for charging electric batteries. Each owner of residential real property shall furnish to each tenant signing a new or renewal lease, a rider indicating that such tenant agrees to not use an electrical outlet for the purpose of charging an electric battery, including but not limited to, lithium ion batteries and a battery meant for use in a bicycle with electric assist. Such rider shall be attached as an addendum to the lease.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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