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Introduced by M. of A. TAPIA, DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a program to provide reduced cost or no cost lithium-ion batteries used in powered mobility devices

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 156-i
2 to read as follows:

3 § 156-i. Lithium-ion battery safety program. 1. For purposes of this
4 section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

5 a. "lithium-ion battery" means a storage battery in which an elec-
6 trical current is generated by lithium ions embedded in a carbon
7 graphite or nickel metal-oxide substrate placed in a high-viscosity
8 carbonate mixture or gelled polymer electrolyte; and

9 b. "powered mobility device" means a light electric-powered vehicle or
10 personal electric mobility device such as an electric bicycle or scoot-
11 er.

12 2. The office of fire prevention and control, in collaboration with
13 the department of environmental conservation and any other appropriate
14 agency, shall establish a program to provide new lithium-ion batteries
15 at reduced cost or no cost to eligible individuals, which may include
16 provision of new lithium-ion batteries in exchange for used lithium-ion
17 batteries. The office of fire prevention and control shall determine
18 which individuals are eligible to participate in such program, the
19 criteria for provision and exchange of lithium-ion batteries, and the
20 amount of cost reduction for the lithium-ion batteries provided. All new
21 batteries provided pursuant to such program shall be listed and labeled
22 by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
24 have become a law.

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

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