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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:

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

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

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

b. "powered mobility device" means a light electric-powered vehicle or personal electric mobility device such as an electric bicycle or scooter.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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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