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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of motor vehicles to create a bicycle with electric assist battery swapping pilot program in a city with a population of one million or more

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1244 to read as follows:

§ 1244. Bicycle with electric assist battery swapping pilot program. 1. For purposes of this section, "battery swapping station" shall mean a location where bicycle with electric assist batteries are stored, charged, and available for bicycle with electric assist riders to exchange.

2. (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of transportation and the commissioner of the department of transportation of the city of New York, shall establish a bicycle with electric assist battery swapping pilot program in a city with a population of one million or more no later than six months after the effective date of this section.

(b) Battery swapping stations shall be located at all department of motor vehicles locations in a city with a population of one million or more. At such battery swapping stations, bicycle with electric assist riders shall be able to exchange their drained bicycle with electric assist battery for a fully charged battery.

(c) In order to utilize such a battery swapping station, a bicycle with electric assist rider shall be required to pay a one-time rental fee to the department. After payment of such fee, a bicycle with electric assist rider shall be able to exchange bicycle with electric assist batteries as often as needed.

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

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3. The fire department of the city of New York shall provide guidance on fire safety and prevention relating to bicycle with electric assist batteries, and the commissioner shall follow such guidelines in creating the bicycle with electric assist pilot program and in the establishment and maintenance of battery swapping stations.

4. Such pilot program shall continue for a period of one year after its establishment. No later than two years after the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on the results of such pilot program and any recommendations for legislative action.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.