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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the use of a fireproof blanket, bag or container when charging a bicycle with electric assist or an electric scooter

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. Battery pack; fireproof blanket. 1. Every bicycle with electric assist shall be sold with a fiberglass fireproof blanket which shall be used when charging the bicycle with electric assist. Every person charging a bicycle with electric assist shall place the lithium-ion battery pack under such fiberglass fireproof blanket, or in a fireproof bag or container, while the charging is taking place. If the battery cannot be removed from the bicycle with electric assist and charged separately, then a fiberglass fireproof blanket shall be placed over the entire bicycle with electric assist.

2. Sellers of bicycles with electric assist shall include a fiberglass fireproof blanket or fireproof bag or container which meets the requirements of this section for the particular bicycle with electric assist being purchased with each purchase of a bicycle with electric assist.

3. A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars for the first violation and an additional five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation.

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1290 to read as follows:

§ 1290. Battery pack; fireproof blanket. 1. Every electric scooter shall be sold with a fiberglass fireproof blanket which shall be used when charging the electric scooter. Every person charging an electric scooter shall place the lithium-ion battery pack under such fiberglass

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

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fireproof blanket, or in a fireproof bag or container, while the charging is taking place. If the battery cannot be removed from the electric scooter and charged separately, then a fiberglass fireproof blanket shall be placed over the entire electric scooter.

2. Sellers of electric scooters shall include a fiberglass fireproof blanket or fireproof bag or container which meets the requirements of this section for the particular electric scooter being purchased with each purchase of an electric scooter.

3. A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars for the first violation and an additional five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.