

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

June 1, 2023

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer 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:

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 391-cc to read as follows:

3 § 391-cc. Sale of bicycles with electric assist; sale of electric
4 batteries. No person regularly engaged in the business of selling bicy-
5 cles with electric assist or lithium ion electric batteries at retail
6 shall sell any such bicycles or batteries without providing the purchas-
7 er an operating manual for such bicycle with electric assist or for such
8 lithium ion electric battery. Such operating manual shall include
9 instructions on how to store and charge the battery, when and where to
10 charge the battery, and what to do if the battery overheats or leaks,
11 there is a strange odor or noise associated with the battery or there is
12 a change in the shape or color of the battery.

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

15 § 235-j. Lease rider for charging electric batteries. Each owner of
16 residential real property shall furnish to each tenant signing a new or
17 renewal lease, a rider indicating that such tenant agrees to not use an
18 electrical outlet for the purpose of charging an electric battery,
19 including but not limited to, lithium ion batteries and a battery meant
20 for use in a bicycle with electric assist. Such rider shall be attached
21 as an addendum to the lease.

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

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