STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 26, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. GLICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the sale of bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters

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

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

§ 391-cc. Sale of bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Bicycle with electric assist" shall have the same meaning as defined by section one hundred two-c of the vehicle and traffic law.

(b) "Electric scooter" shall have the same meaning as defined by section one hundred fourteen-e of the vehicle and traffic law.

(c) "Fireproof battery container" shall mean a bag, box, blanket, or other means of containing or covering a battery used as the principal electric power source for a bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter that is capable of resisting the effect of fire involving such batteries and meets all minimum specifications as determined by the division of homeland security and emergency services pursuant to subdivision three of this section.

2. No person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity shall sell or offer to sell a bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter to a consumer unless such bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter is sold with a fireproof battery container for the safe storage of the battery used as the principal electric power source.

3. The division of homeland security and emergency services shall determine the minimum specifications and performance standards for fireproof battery containers under this section.

4. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars for a first violation, and five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation.

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

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§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.