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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the posting of lithium-ion or other storage battery safety information in powered bicycle or powered mobility device businesses

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 4 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 20-610.1 to read as follows:

§ 20-610.1 Fire safety; posting of information. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “powered bicycle or powered mobility device business” means a business that sells, leases or rents powered bicycles or powered mobility devices, or batteries used by such bicycles and devices.

b. The commissioner shall, in coordination with the fire department, develop informational materials regarding lithium-ion and other storage battery safety to be posted by powered bicycle or powered mobility device businesses.

c. Powered bicycle or powered mobility device businesses shall conspicuously post such materials near the location where powered bicycles or powered mobility devices are offered for sale, lease or rent.

d. Powered bicycle or powered mobility device businesses operating an online retail platform shall conspicuously post a hyperlink to such materials from each webpage where powered bicycles or powered mobility devices are offered for sale, lease or rent.

e. The violation of any provision of this section shall be punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$150 for a first violation, up to \$250 for a second violation, and up to \$350 for a third or subsequent violation. Each day in

which a violation continues constitutes a separate violation. Any authorized officer or employee of the department, or of the fire department, shall have the power to enforce this section or any rule promulgated pursuant to this section.

f. The commissioner, in collaboration with relevant agencies, shall conduct culturally appropriate outreach in designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, to alert powered bicycle or powered mobility device businesses to the requirements of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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