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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to record keeping and reporting on the disposal of rechargeable batteries used for powered mobility devices

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 20-1501 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 114 for the year 2021, is amended by adding a definition of “powered mobility devices” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Powered mobility devices. The term “powered mobility devices” means (i) a bicycle with electric assist as defined in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law or any successor provision; (ii) an electric scooter as defined in section 114-e of the vehicle and traffic law or any successor provision; (iii) a motorized scooter as defined in section 19-176.2; or (iv) any other personal mobility device powered by a lithium-ion or other storage battery. The term does not include wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for use by persons with disabilities, or any vehicle that is capable of being registered with the New York state department of motor vehicles.

§2. Subchapter 2 of chapter 15 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 20-1525 to read as follows:

§ 20-1525. Reporting on disposal of rechargeable batteries used for powered mobility devices. Any entity that purchases used batteries that power powered mobility devices from consumers, or which accepts such batteries from consumers including through participation in voluntary recycling programs, shall maintain

records of such practices and report such activities annually to the department. The record keeping and reporting required by this section shall be conducted in a manner prescribed by the department and shall include, but not be limited to, information pertaining to the number and type of batteries purchased or accepted and the manner in which such rechargeable batteries were disposed of. The department shall make such records available to the department of sanitation and the fire department upon request. The department shall post, on an annual basis no later than February 1 with respect to the previous calendar year, a summary on its website of the information reported to the department pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after becoming law.

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