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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the fire department to develop an informational campaign to educate the public on fire risks posed by powered mobility devices

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 15-142 to read as follows:

§ 15-142. Powered mobility device education and outreach. a. Definition. The term “powered mobility devices” means motorized bicycles, motorized scooters and other personal mobility devices powered by a lithium-ion or other storage battery. The term does not include motor vehicles or motorcycles or other mobility devices that must be registered with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

b. The department, in consultation with the department of consumer and worker protection, shall develop an informational campaign to educate the public on the fire risks posed by powered mobility devices and safety measures that mitigate such risks. Such campaign shall address both commercial and personal use of powered mobility devices and include, but not be limited to, guidance on: (i) purchasing mobility devices and battery equipment that meet established fire safety standards; (ii) maintenance and care information for powered mobility devices and lithium-ion batteries; and (iii) storage and charging precautions for powered mobility devices and lithium-ion batteries. Such outreach campaigns shall include but not be limited to the use of print, radio, and television advertisements as well as public forums.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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