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..Title

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring businesses using bicycles for commercial purposes to provide bicycle operators with fireproof or fire-resistant containers for removable storage batteries used to power motor-assisted bicycles

..Body

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 10-157 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision l. to read as follows:

l. A business using a bicycle for commercial purposes, notwithstanding that such bicycle may be provided by any of its bicycle operators, shall provide at its own expense to each bicycle operator operating such bicycle, a fireproof or fire-resistant container suitable for use during the charging of the removable storage battery used to power such motor-assisted bicycle. The requirement contained in this subdivision shall apply only to bicycles that are motor-assisted, which utilize a removable battery, and which are not charged entirely on the premises of such business. The fire department shall promulgate rules for determining whether a container is fireproof or fire resistant pursuant to this subdivision. Such businesses may not require any of its bicycle operators to provide such containers at such operator’s expense.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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