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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of a program to provide reduced cost or no cost lithium-ion batteries used in powered mobility devices

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 16 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 16

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY PROGRAM

§ 20-1601 Definitions. For purposes of this subchapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Lithium-ion battery. The term “lithium-ion battery” means a storage battery in which an electrical current is generated by lithium ions embedded in a carbon graphite or nickel metal-oxide substrate placed in a high-viscosity carbonate mixture or gelled polymer electrolyte.

Powered mobility device. The term “powered mobility device” means a light electric-powered vehicle or personal electric mobility device such as an electric bicycle or scooter.

§ 20-1602 Lithium-ion battery safety program. a. The department, in collaboration with the department of sanitation, the fire department and any other appropriate agency, shall establish a program to provide new lithium-ion batteries at reduced cost or no cost to eligible individuals, which may include provision of new

lithium-ion batteries in exchange for used lithium-ion batteries. The department shall determine which individuals are eligible to participate in such program, the criteria for provision and exchange of lithium-ion batteries, and the amount of cost reduction for the lithium-ion batteries provided. All new batteries provided pursuant to such program shall be listed and labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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