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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that every bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter and other legal motorized vehicle be licensed and registered

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-176.4 to read as follows:

§ 19-176.4 Licensing and registration of bicycles with electric assist, electric scooters and other legal motorized vehicles. a. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Bicycle with electric assist. The term “bicycle with electric assist” means any electric bicycle as defined in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law.

Electric scooter. The term “electric scooter” means any electric scooter as defined in section 114-e of the vehicle and traffic law.

Other legal motorized vehicle. The term “other legal motorized vehicle” means any wheeled device powered by an electric motor or by a gasoline motor that may be legally operated in the city, is not capable of being registered with the New York state department of motor vehicles and is not a bicycle with electric assist or electric scooter.

b. Every bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter and other legal motorized vehicle shall be registered with the commissioner and provided a distinctive identification number and a license plate corresponding to that distinctive identification number.

c. The license plate issued pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall be of such material, form, design and dimensions and contain such distinguishing number as the commissioner shall prescribe, provided, however, that there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the plate and that of the numerals or letters thereon. Each such plate shall identify whether the bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter or other legal motorized vehicle is personal or commercial in nature. The fee for such plate shall be determined by the commissioner.

d. The license plate issued pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall be conspicuously displayed on the rear of the bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter or other legal motorized vehicle, and securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swinging. No bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter or other legal motorized vehicle shall display any plate other than that issued by the commissioner.

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

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