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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law and the general municipal law, in relation to disposal and source separation of recyclable materials

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a  
2     new section 27-0709 to read as follows:  
3     S 27-0709. DISPOSAL OF SOURCE SEPARATED RECYCLABLES.  
4     1. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:  
5     A. "INCINERATOR" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
6     72-0401 OF THIS CHAPTER.  
7     B. "LANDFILL" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
8     72-0401 OF THIS CHAPTER.  
9     C. "LOCAL RECYCLING LAW" MEANS A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSU-  
10    ANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-AA OF THE GENERAL  
11    MUNICIPAL LAW.  
12    D. "RECYCLABLE MATERIALS" MEANS RECYCLABLE COMPONENTS OF SOLID WASTE  
13    WHICH HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE AS REQUIRED BY THE  
14    LOCAL RECYCLING LAW ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE  
15    HUNDRED TWENTY-AA OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.  
16    E. "TRANSFER STATION" MEANS A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, WHETHER  
17    OWNED OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITY, OTHER THAN A RECYCLA-  
18    BLES HANDLING AND RECOVERY FACILITY, USED OIL FACILITY, OR A  
19    CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS PROCESSING FACILITY, WHERE SOLID  
20    WASTE IS RECEIVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO ANOTHER  
21    SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY FOR PROCESSING, TREATING, DISPOSAL,  
22    RECOVERY, OR FURTHER TRANSFER.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 F. "TRANSPORTER" MEANS ANY PERSON OR ENTITY ENGAGED IN THE OFF-SITE  
2 TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE BY AIR, RAIL, HIGHWAY, OR WATER.

3 2. A. NO TRANSPORTER SHALL COMMINGLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS WITH OTHER  
4 SOLID WASTE, OR CAUSE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO BE COMMINGLED WITH OTHER  
5 SOLID WASTE.

6 B. NO TRANSPORTER SHALL DELIVER RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO, OR CAUSE  
7 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO BE DELIVERED TO: (I) AN INCINERATOR; (II) A  
8 LANDFILL; (III) A TRANSFER STATION, UNLESS SUCH RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ARE  
9 KEPT SEPARATED FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE; OR (IV) ANYONE WHO THE TRANSPOR-  
10 TER KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW WILL EITHER COMMINGLE SUCH RECYCLABLE MATERIALS  
11 WITH OTHER SOLID WASTE OR DELIVER SUCH RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO AN INCIN-  
12 ERATOR OR A LANDFILL.

13 C. NO OPERATOR OF AN INCINERATOR OR A LANDFILL SHALL ACCEPT RECYCLABLE  
14 MATERIALS FOR DISPOSAL.

15 D. NO OPERATOR OF A TRANSFER STATION SHALL COMMINGLE RECYCLABLE MATE-  
16 RIALS WITH OTHER SOLID WASTE, OR TRANSFER RECYCLABLE MATERIALS OR CAUSE  
17 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO AN INCINERATOR OR LANDFILL FOR  
18 DISPOSAL.

19 S 2. Paragraphs b and c of subdivision 2 of section 120-aa of the  
20 general municipal law, as amended by chapter 70 of the laws of 1988, are  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 b. [For purposes of this section, "components" shall include paper,  
23 glass, metals, plastics, garden and yard waste, and may include other  
24 elements of solid waste.] NO LATER THAN JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIR-  
25 TEEN, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE  
26 THAT RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BE SEPARATED FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE WHICH HAS  
27 BEEN LEFT FOR COLLECTION OR WHICH IS DELIVERED BY THE GENERATOR OF SUCH  
28 WASTE TO A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
29 SECTION, "RECYCLABLE MATERIALS" MEANS AND INCLUDES: (I) NEWSPRINT, GLASS  
30 CONTAINERS, METAL CONTAINERS, POLYETHYLENE TERAPHTHALATE (#1 CODE) AND  
31 HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (#2 CODE) PLASTIC CONTAINERS; (II) CORRUGATED  
32 CARDBOARD CONTAINERS AND PAPER BOARD; (III) MIXED PAPER GENERATED BY  
33 NON-RESIDENTIAL ENTITIES OR BY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS CONSISTING OF MORE  
34 THAN FOUR DWELLINGS; AND (IV) ANY OTHER RECYCLABLE, REUSEABLE OR OTHER  
35 MATERIALS FOR WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES THAT ECONOMIC MARKETS  
36 FOR ALTERNATE USES EXIST, OR WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES SHOULD BE  
37 SEPARATED FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE FOR RECYCLING.

38 c. Prior to [exercising the authority of this section to enact such a  
39 local law or ordinance] MAKING A DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV)  
40 OF PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION, the municipality shall hold a public  
41 hearing relating to its proposed provisions and shall give due consider-  
42 ation to existing source separation, recycling and [other resource  
43 recovery] SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL activities in the area, to the adequacy  
44 of markets for separated materials, and to any additional effort and  
45 expense to be incurred by residents in meeting the proposed separation  
46 requirements. The authority provided in this section shall be in addi-  
47 tion to and without limitation upon the authority vested in munici-  
48 palities under any other statute.

49 S 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or  
50 part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdic-  
51 tion to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate  
52 the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the  
53 clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved  
54 in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

55 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
56 it shall have become a law.