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Introduced by M. of A. DiPIETRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to allowing towns having populations of less than twenty thousand persons to burn brush without a permit

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 9-1105 of the environmental conservation law is
2 amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

3 7. Exemption. (a) Any city or village, or any town with a total town
4 population, including incorporated or unincorporated areas, of less than
5 twenty thousand is hereby further authorized and empowered to adopt and
6 amend local laws, ordinances, or resolutions which exempt such municipi-
7 palities from any code, rule, regulation or standard that would restrict
8 the burning of garbage, refuse or rubbish, as defined in this section,
9 in an open fire. In addition, any city or village, or any town with a
10 total town population, including incorporated or unincorporated areas,
11 of less than twenty thousand is hereby further authorized and empowered
12 to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances, or resolutions which exempt
13 such municipalities from any code, rule, regulation or standard that would
14 restrict the burning of garbage, refuse or rubbish, as defined in this
15 section, in an open fire on land possessed by a single family, a member
16 of which is the owner, occupant or lessee of said land, or any part of a
17 farm on which only animal or vegetable waste is generated as a result of
18 the operation of such farm.

19 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision the following definitions
20 shall apply:

21 (i) "Open fire" shall mean any outdoor fire or outdoor smoke producing
22 process from which air contaminants are emitted directly into the
23 outdoor atmosphere.

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

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1 (ii) "Garbage" shall mean the animal and vegetable waste resulting
2 from the handling, preparation, cooking and serving of food.

3 (iii) "Refuse" shall mean all waste material, including but not limit-
4 ed to, incinerator residue, street sweepings, dead animals and offal.

5 (iv) "Rubbish" shall mean solid or liquid waste material, including
6 but not limited to, paper and paper products, rags, trees or leaves,
7 needles and branches from trees, vines, lawn and garden debris, furni-
8 ture, wood, and sawdust.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.