STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. K. BROWN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public buildings law and the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to requiring all public buildings and all parks, recreation and historic preservation sites have bins for recyclable and compostable materials

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

Section 1. The public buildings law is amended by adding a new section 148 to read as follows:

§ 148. Bins for recyclable and compostable materials. A covered public building shall establish and implement a program for the collection of recyclable and compostable materials that are discarded in such building. Such recyclable materials shall include, but not be limited to, metal, plastic, glass and paper. Such compostable materials shall include, but not be limited to, food scraps, tree and brush trimmings, leaves, and other compostable materials. In each such building there shall be installed bins for the collection of recyclable materials and bins for the collection of compostable materials. Such bins shall be alongside any undesignated waste bins and any bins for non-recyclable, non-compostable waste. A bin designated for recyclable materials shall be regularly collected and the recyclable materials within recycled. A bin designated for compostable materials shall be regularly collected and the contents within composted.

§ 2. Subdivision 23 of section 3.09 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, as added by chapter 312 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

23. Establish and implement a program for the collection of recyclable *and compostable* materials that are discarded in state parks, state historic sites and state recreational facilities. Such recyclable materials shall include, but not be limited to, metal, plastic, glass and

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

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paper. **Such compostable materials shall include, but not be limited to, food scraps, tree and brush trimmings, leaves, and other compostable materials.** In each such park, historic site and recreational facility the office shall install bins for the collection of recyclable materials **and bins for the collection of compostable materials. Such bins shall be alongside any undesignated waste bins and any bins for non-recyclable, non-compostable waste**. The office shall regularly collect and provide for the recycling of the recyclable materials collected **and shall regularly collect and provide for the composting of compostable materials collected**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.