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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to
creating a small business and household pollution prevention program

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

Section 1. Article 27 of the environmental conservation law is amended
by adding a new title 29 to read as follows:

TITLE 29

SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD
POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

SECTION 27-2901. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

27-2903. DEFINITIONS.

27-2905. SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION PREVENTION
PROGRAM.

27-2907. SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE COLLECTION PROGRAM.

27-2909. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE COLLECTION PROGRAM.

27-2911. REGULATIONS.

27-2913. GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION
PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

27-2915. GRANTS FOR COLLECTION EVENTS.

S 27-2901. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

1. IT IS THE GOAL OF THE STATE TO ACHIEVE A GOAL OF ZERO DISCHARGE OF
POLLUTANTS INTO OUR AIR, WATER, AND LAND. THIS GOAL WILL NOT BE
ACHIEVED WITH TRADITIONAL METHODS OF REGULATING POLLUTANTS AFTER THEY
ARE GENERATED THROUGH VOLUNTARY POLLUTION PREVENTION MEASURES, RECOGNIZ-
ING THIS GOAL MAY NOT BE COMPLETELY ACHIEVABLE BY SOME.

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

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2. EDUCATION, DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ON POLLUTION PREVENTION ARE ESSENTIAL TO HELP SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES ACHIEVE THE ZERO DISCHARGE GOAL AND HELP THE PUBLIC CONSERVE RESOURCES, REDUCE THE VOLUME AND TOXICITY OF WASTES, AND RECYCLE OR RECLAIM WASTES.

3. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND OTHER WASTES GENERATED BY SMALL BUSINESSES AND HOUSEHOLDS MAY PRESENT DANGERS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT IF MANAGED IMPROPERLY. THESE DANGERS CAN BE GREATLY REDUCED BY POLLUTION PREVENTION TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING SOURCE REDUCTION, ENERGY CONSERVATION, WASTE MINIMIZATION, REDUCTION IN THE TOXICITY OF WASTES GENERATED, BENEFICIAL USE, REUSE, RECYCLING, AND RECLAMATION.

4. TRADITIONAL "END-OF-PIPE" POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNIQUES OFTEN RESULT IN THE TRANSFER OF POLLUTANTS FROM ONE ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIUM TO ANOTHER. POLLUTION PREVENTION AND SOURCE REDUCTION TECHNIQUES REDUCE POLLUTION FORMING IN THE FIRST PLACE AND LESSEN TRANSFERS AMONG AIR, WATER, AND LAND.

S 27-2903. DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS TITLE SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

1. "COLLECTION CONTRACTOR." A PERSON REGISTERED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND RETAINED BY A SPONSOR TO OPERATE A WASTE COLLECTION EVENT FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES UNDER THIS TITLE.

2. "COLLECTION EVENT." AN EVENT OR PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTES FROM ELIGIBLE ENTITIES UNDER THIS TITLE. THE TERM INCLUDES ONE-DAY WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAMS AND WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED FOR CONTINUOUS OR ONGOING OPERATION THROUGHOUT A DESIGNATED PERIOD OF TIME.

3. "ELIGIBLE ENTITY." A HOUSEHOLD, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR A SMALL BUSINESS.

4. "HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE." HAZARDOUS WASTE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 27-1301 OF THIS ARTICLE.

5. "MUNICIPALITY." A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, OR VILLAGE.

6. "POLLUTION PREVENTION ASSESSMENT." AN EVALUATION DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO ELIMINATE AND REDUCE POLLUTION OR REUSE WASTE MATERIALS.

7. "PROGRAM." THE SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM CREATED BY SECTION 27-2905 OF THIS TITLE.

8. "SMALL BUSINESS." A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS SO DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAW.

9. "SPONSOR." A MUNICIPALITY, CORPORATION, PUBLIC UTILITY, TRADE ASSOCIATION, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ASSOCIATION, OR OTHER PERSON SPONSORING A COLLECTION EVENT OR SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES UNDER THIS TITLE.

10. "UNIVERSAL WASTE." HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH F OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 27-0923 OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 27-2905. SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM.

1. ESTABLISHMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR EDUCATING AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN POLLUTION PREVENTION AND THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTES AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES GENERATED IN HOUSEHOLDS AND SMALL BUSINESSES.

2. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH SMALL

1 BUSINESSES, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND APPROPRI-
2 ATE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

3 3. PROGRAM CONCERNS. THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND
4 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONCERNING:

5 A. SOURCE REDUCTION AND METHODS FOR CONDUCTING POLLUTION PREVENTION
6 ASSESSMENTS TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE VOLUME OR TOXICITY OF SOLID
7 WASTES GENERATED.

8 B. NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENERGY CONSERVATION.

9 C. OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION FROM AIR EMIS-
10 SIONS AND WATER EFFLUENTS.

11 D. OPPORTUNITIES TO BENEFICIALLY USE, REUSE, RECYCLE, OR RECLAIM SOLID
12 WASTE MATERIALS.

13 E. OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLECT AND MANAGE UNIVERSAL WASTES RECEIVED FROM
14 SMALL BUSINESS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

15 F. OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP AND APPLY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT TECH-
16 NOLOGIES AND METHODS.

17 G. INFORMATION ON COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
18 LAWS, INCLUDING COMPLIANCE WITH SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

19 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL
20 MATERIALS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SPONSORS AND COLLECTION CONTRAC-
21 TORS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAMS AND COLLECTION EVENTS TO ENCOUR-
22 AGE AND PROMOTE ALL ASPECTS OF POLLUTION PREVENTION.

23 5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
24 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SPONSORS AND COLLECTION CONTRACTORS TO
25 IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE AND TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAM AND
26 THE PROPER COLLECTION, TREATMENT, RECYCLING, OR DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS
27 SUBSTANCES GENERATED BY ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.

28 6. SITE VISIT. AT THE REQUEST OF A SMALL BUSINESS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
29 OFFER A POLLUTION PREVENTION ASSESSMENT SITE VISIT AT THE PLACE OF BUSI-
30 NESS AND MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL
31 PROTECTION LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND GUIDANCE ISSUED BY
32 THE DEPARTMENT ON POLLUTION PREVENTION.

33 7. PRIVATE CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY COOPERATE WITH
34 AND MAY CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FROM PRIVATE AND OTHER ENTITIES AND IS
35 AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRANTS TO PRIVATE, GOVERNMENTAL, AND OTHER ENTITIES
36 TO IMPLEMENT THIS TITLE.

37 S 27-2907. SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE COLLECTION PROGRAM.

38 1. GENERAL RULE. A SPONSOR MAY ESTABLISH A COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR THE
39 COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTES GENERATED BY ELIGIBLE ENTITIES
40 THROUGH COLLECTION EVENTS. EACH SPONSOR MUST REGISTER THE PROGRAM WITH
41 THE DEPARTMENT AND RECEIVE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO COMMENC-
42 ING OPERATION.

43 2. SITES. COLLECTION EVENTS MAY BE CONDUCTED ON SITES SELECTED BY THE
44 SPONSOR. SUCH SITES MAY BE ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY, INCLUDING, BUT
45 NOT LIMITED TO, PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE, ITS
46 AGENCIES, OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. WRITTEN PERMISSION TO USE THE
47 SITE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE EVENT SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE OWNER PRIOR
48 TO THE EVENT.

49 3. LIABILITY. AN OWNER WHO, WITHOUT CHARGE, PERMITS ANY PROPERTY TO BE
50 USED AS A SITE FOR A COLLECTION EVENT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY
51 DAMAGE, HARM, OR INJURY TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY WHICH RESULTS FROM THE
52 USE OF THE PROPERTY AS A SITE FOR A COLLECTION EVENT. A SPONSOR OF A
53 COLLECTION EVENT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE, HARM, OR INJURY TO
54 ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY WHICH RESULTS FROM THE OPERATION OF A COLLECTION
55 EVENT.

1 4. LIMITATION OF TYPE. THE SPONSOR MAY LIMIT THE TYPES OF SOLID WASTES
2 OR MATERIALS TO BE COLLECTED AT A COLLECTION EVENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
3 GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND FURTHER LIMITATIONS DETERMINED AT
4 THE DISCRETION OF THE SPONSOR. A SMALL BUSINESS ENTITY MAY BRING UP TO
5 BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND KILOGRAMS OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE TO A
6 COLLECTION EVENT OR COLLECTION EVENTS IN ANY CALENDAR MONTH FOR WASTE
7 RECYCLING, TREATMENT, OR DISPOSAL ARRANGED BY THE COLLECTION CONTRACTOR.

8 5. FEES. THE SPONSOR MAY ESTABLISH AND ASSESS REASONABLE FEES FROM
9 ELIGIBLE ENTITIES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
10 COLLECTION EVENT.

11 6. REGISTRATION AND APPROVAL. THE SPONSOR MAY SELECT A COLLECTION
12 CONTRACTOR TO OPERATE THE COLLECTION EVENT OR MAY OPERATE THE COLLECTION
13 EVENT AS THE COLLECTION CONTRACTOR. EACH SPONSOR OR COLLECTION CONTRAC-
14 TOR WHICH OPERATES A COLLECTION EVENT MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED AND
15 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE COLLECTION EVENTS. THE DEPARTMENT
16 SHALL ISSUE GUIDANCE FOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF
17 COLLECTION EVENTS.

18 7. QUALIFICATIONS. NO COLLECTION CONTRACTOR MAY BE SELECTED TO OPERATE
19 A COLLECTION EVENT UNLESS THE CONTRACTOR CAN DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATIS-
20 FACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ITS ABILITY TO COLLECT, PACKAGE, TRANSPORT,
21 AND DISPOSE OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTED UNDER THIS PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH
22 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER AND THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

23 8. INELIGIBILITY. A COLLECTION CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO
24 OPERATE A COLLECTION EVENT IF THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT SUCH PERSON HAS
25 SHOWN A LACK OF ABILITY OR A LACK OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE
26 LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THIS STATE, OTHER STATES, OR THE UNITED STATES.

27 9. GENERATOR. A COLLECTION CONTRACTOR SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE THE GENER-
28 ATOR OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES COLLECTED AT THE EVENT WHICH IS SENT FOR
29 TREATMENT, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL AT A PERMITTED HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY.

30 10. POLLUTION PREVENTION. THE COLLECTION CONTRACTOR SHALL PRACTICE AND
31 ENCOURAGE POLLUTION PREVENTION AND SHALL RECYCLE OR RECLAIM COLLECTED
32 SOLID WASTES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE.

33 11. DOCUMENTATION. IN CONDUCTING A COLLECTION EVENT UNDER THIS TITLE,
34 THE COLLECTION CONTRACTOR SHALL MANAGE WASTES AND OTHER MATERIALS
35 RECEIVED AT A COLLECTION EVENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND
36 REGULATIONS OF THIS STATE. THE SPONSOR AND THE COLLECTION CONTRACTOR
37 SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDS OF AN EVENT AS REQUESTED BY THE
38 DEPARTMENT.

39 12. OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE INTERPRETED AS
40 REQUIRING A SMALL BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS
41 SUBSTANCE COLLECTION PROGRAM, OR AS PROHIBITING A SMALL BUSINESS FROM
42 DISPOSING OF ITS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES UNDER OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.
43 S 27-2909. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE COLLECTION PROGRAM.

44 1. COLLECTION EVENTS. A SPONSOR MAY ESTABLISH A COLLECTION EVENT FOR
45 THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING AND MANAGING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.
46 A COLLECTION EVENT DESIGNED FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES SHALL
47 MEET THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 27-2907 OF THIS TITLE. A
48 SPONSOR MAY OPERATE A COLLECTION EVENT EXCLUSIVELY FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARD-
49 OUS SUBSTANCES, EXCLUSIVELY FOR SMALL BUSINESS WASTE, OR FOR SPECIFIED
50 WASTES FROM ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.

51 2. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES. A COLLECTION EVENT THAT INCLUDES COLLECTION
52 OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES SHALL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
53 THAT EMPHASIZE HOME SAFETY, FIRE PREVENTION, AND POLLUTION PREVENTION IN
54 THE HOME, INCLUDING SOURCE REDUCTION THROUGH THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE LESS
55 TOXIC PRODUCTS, RECYCLING, AND PROPER DISPOSAL METHODS FOR WASTE MATERI-
56 ALS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED. WASTE MATERIALS COLLECTED FROM HOUSEHOLDS

SHALL BE APPROPRIATELY REUSED OR RECYCLED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE GUIDANCE ON PROPER MANAGEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

S 27-2911. REGULATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS AS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THIS TITLE.

S 27-2913. GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

1. GENERAL RULE. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES NOT WHOLLY CONTAINED WITHIN A CITY AND CITIES CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, TO REIMBURSE A COUNTY FOR ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON POLLUTION PREVENTION OR FOR PROVIDING OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE.

2. EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE GRANTS TO COUNTIES NOT WHOLLY CONTAINED WITHIN A CITY AND CITIES CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE COUNTY UNDER THIS SECTION MAY REIMBURSE THE COUNTY OR CITY FOR UP TO EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE APPROVED COST OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON POLLUTION PREVENTION OR FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

3. ELIGIBLE COSTS. ELIGIBLE COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE COSTS INCURRED BY COUNTIES NOT WHOLLY CONTAINED WITHIN A CITY AND CITIES CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE COUNTY BY CONTRACT WITH ANOTHER SPONSOR OR OTHER PERSON SELECTED BY THE COUNTY OR CITY TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS TITLE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE GUIDANCE FOR COUNTIES NOT WHOLLY CONTAINED WITHIN A CITY AND CITIES CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE COUNTY IN THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM AND FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS ADMINISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.

S 27-2915. GRANTS FOR COLLECTION EVENTS.

1. FUNDS. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE PROGRAMS.

2. GRANT ELIGIBILITY. GRANTS APPROVED UNDER THIS TITLE MAY BE PAID TO A REGISTERED SPONSOR OF A COLLECTION EVENT, INCLUDING SPONSORS OTHER THAN MUNICIPALITIES. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO REIMBURSE SPONSORS FOR ELIGIBLE COSTS INCURRED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE FOR THE OPERATION OF COLLECTION EVENTS FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES UNDER THIS TITLE.

3. MATCHING REQUIREMENT. THE FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS TITLE MAY BE EXPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THE GRANT AMOUNT HAS BEEN MATCHED, AT LEAST DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR IN VALUE, BY THE GRANT APPLICANT. SPONSORS OF A COLLECTION EVENT ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE ALL OR PART OF THE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS FROM MANUFACTURERS OR OTHER PERSONS.

4. OTHER LIMITATIONS. NO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FISCAL YEAR MAY BE EXPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COLLECTION EVENTS IN ANY ONE COUNTY NOT WHOLLY CONTAINED WITHIN A CITY, AND NO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MAY BE EXPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COLLECTION EVENTS IN ANY CITY CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE COUNTY.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that the commissioner of environmental conservation is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement this act on its effective date on or before such date.