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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to direct the commissioner of environmental conservation to examine, evaluate and make recommendations on the potential harm and contamination caused by the disposal of smoke detectors

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of environmental conservation, in cooperation with the department of health, shall examine and evaluate all
2 available data and studies relating to the dangers posed by the disposal
3 of smoke detectors, and shall provide independent analysis and report
4 upon the potential harm and contamination posed by the disposal of
5 millions of smoke detectors in this state. Such analysis and report
6 shall take into account the quantity of smoke detectors that have
7 entered and will continue to enter the solid waste stream, the concentration of smoke detectors in specific landfill locations, and the
8 potential exposure of landfill and sanitation workers, firefighters,
9 workers who manufacture smoke detectors, as well as the general public
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11 S 2. The commissioner of environmental conservation shall, within one
12 year of the effective date of this act, report his or her findings and
13 make recommendations to the governor and the legislature. Such report
14 shall specifically make recommendations relating to the continued sale
15 of ionization smoke detectors and the regulation of the disposal of
16 ionization smoke detectors as hazardous waste.

17 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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