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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT in relation to establishing a task force to study and report on the feasibility of a cigarette filter recycling program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. A three member task force is hereby established to assess the feasibility, economic and public health impacts, and effectiveness of a mandatory and/or voluntary cigarette filter recycling program.

S 2. The task force shall be comprised of the commissioners of economic development, public health, and environmental conservation, who may designate representatives to act on their behalf.

S 3. The task force shall meet as frequently as its business may require and members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties.

S 4. (a) The task force shall conduct a public hearing in each region of the state and solicit public commentary on the feasibility, economic and public health impacts, and effectiveness of a mandatory and/or voluntary cigarette filter recycling program. Provision shall be made for the solicitation of interested parties and experts in the fields of environmental conservation and public health.

(b) Notice of such hearings shall, not less than two weeks prior to the scheduled date, be posted conspicuously and printed in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation within the region in which such hearing shall be held.

S 5. The task force shall provide a report to the governor and the legislature on or before January 1, 2014. Such report shall include:

(a) the general feasibility of both mandatory and voluntary cigarette filter recycling programs and any other information and concerns gathered from the public hearing required pursuant to section four of this act; and

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

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(b) recommendations for both a voluntary and mandatory cigarette filter recycling programs.

S 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed on January 1, 2014.