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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law and the general municipal law, in relation to disposal and source separation of recyclable materials

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

1 Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a  
2 new section 27-0709 to read as follows:  
3 S 27-0709. DISPOSAL OF SOURCE SEPARATED RECYCLABLES.  
4 1. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:  
5 A. "INCINERATOR" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
6 72-0401 OF THIS CHAPTER.  
7 B. "LANDFILL" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
8 72-0401 OF THIS CHAPTER.  
9 C. "LOCAL RECYCLING LAW" MEANS A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSU-  
10 ANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-AA OF THE GENERAL  
11 MUNICIPAL LAW.  
12 D. "RECYCLABLE MATERIALS" MEANS RECYCLABLE COMPONENTS OF SOLID WASTE  
13 WHICH HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE AS REQUIRED BY THE  
14 LOCAL RECYCLING LAW ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE  
15 HUNDRED TWENTY-AA OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.

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

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1 E. "TRANSFER STATION" MEANS A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, WHETHER  
2 OWNED OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITY, OTHER THAN A RECYCLA-  
3 BLES HANDLING AND RECOVERY FACILITY, USED OIL FACILITY, OR A  
4 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS PROCESSING FACILITY, WHERE SOLID  
5 WASTE IS RECEIVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO ANOTHER  
6 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY FOR PROCESSING, TREATING, DISPOSAL,  
7 RECOVERY, OR FURTHER TRANSFER.

8 F. "TRANSPORTER" MEANS ANY PERSON OR ENTITY ENGAGED IN THE OFF-SITE  
9 TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE BY AIR, RAIL, HIGHWAY, OR WATER.

10 2. A. NO TRANSPORTER SHALL KNOWINGLY COMMINGLE MATERIALS WITH OTHER  
11 SOLID WASTE OR KNOWINGLY CAUSE MATERIALS TO BE COMMINGLED WITH OTHER  
12 SOLID WASTE IF SUCH MATERIALS ARE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

13 B. NO TRANSPORTER SHALL KNOWINGLY DELIVER MATERIALS THAT ARE RECYCLA-  
14 BLE MATERIALS TO, OR KNOWINGLY CAUSE MATERIALS THAT ARE RECYCLABLE MATE-  
15 RIALS TO BE DELIVERED TO: (I) AN INCINERATOR; (II) A LANDFILL; (III) A  
16 TRANSFER STATION, UNLESS SUCH RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ARE KEPT SEPARATED  
17 FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE; OR (IV) ANYONE WHO THE TRANSPORTER KNOWS OR  
18 SHOULD KNOW WILL EITHER COMMINGLE SUCH RECYCLABLE MATERIALS WITH OTHER  
19 SOLID WASTE OR DELIVER SUCH RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO AN INCINERATOR OR A  
20 LANDFILL FOR DISPOSAL.

21 C. NO OPERATOR OF AN INCINERATOR OR A LANDFILL SHALL KNOWINGLY ACCEPT  
22 MATERIALS FOR DISPOSAL IF SUCH MATERIALS ARE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

23 D. NO OPERATOR OF A TRANSFER STATION SHALL KNOWINGLY COMMINGLE MATERI-  
24 ALS WITH OTHER SOLID WASTE OR CAUSE MATERIALS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO AN  
25 INCINERATOR OR LANDFILL FOR DISPOSAL IF SUCH MATERIALS ARE RECYCLABLE  
26 MATERIALS.

27 S 2. Paragraphs b and c of subdivision 2 of section 120-aa of the  
28 general municipal law, as amended by chapter 70 of the laws of 1988, are  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 b. [For purposes of this section, "components" shall include paper,  
31 glass, metals, plastics, garden and yard waste, and may include other  
32 elements of solid waste.] NO LATER THAN JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGH-  
33 TEEN, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE  
34 THAT RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BE SEPARATED FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE WHICH HAS  
35 BEEN LEFT FOR COLLECTION OR WHICH IS DELIVERED BY THE GENERATOR OF SUCH  
36 WASTE TO A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
37 SECTION, "RECYCLABLE MATERIALS" MEANS AND INCLUDES: (I) NEWSPRINT, GLASS  
38 CONTAINERS, METAL CONTAINERS, POLYETHYLENE TERAPHTHALATE (#1 CODE) AND  
39 HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (#2 CODE) PLASTIC CONTAINERS; (II) CORRUGATED  
40 CARDBOARD CONTAINERS AND PAPER BOARD; (III) MIXED PAPER GENERATED BY  
41 NON-RESIDENTIAL ENTITIES OR BY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS CONSISTING OF MORE  
42 THAN FOUR DWELLINGS; AND (IV) ANY OTHER RECYCLABLE, REUSEABLE OR OTHER  
43 MATERIALS FOR WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES THAT ECONOMIC MARKETS  
44 FOR ALTERNATE USES EXIST, OR WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES SHOULD BE  
45 SEPARATED FROM OTHER SOLID WASTE FOR RECYCLING.

46 c. Prior to [exercising the authority of this section to enact such a  
47 local law or ordinance] MAKING A DETERMINATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV)  
48 OF PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION, the municipality shall hold a public  
49 hearing relating to its proposed provisions and shall give due consider-  
50 ation to existing source separation, recycling and [other resource  
51 recovery] SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL activities in the area, to the adequacy  
52 of markets for separated materials, and to any additional effort and  
53 expense to be incurred by residents in meeting the proposed separation  
54 requirements. The authority provided in this section shall be in addi-  
55 tion to and without limitation upon the authority vested in municipi-  
56 palities under any other statute.

1 S 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or  
2 part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdic-  
3 tion to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate  
4 the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the  
5 clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved  
6 in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

7 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
8 it shall have become a law.