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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to authorizing local governments to require property owners to replace trees which are removed

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 9-1505 to read as follows:

S 9-1505. REPLACEMENT OF TREES.

ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE REQUIRING A PROPERTY OWNER TO PLANT TREES IN REPLACEMENT OF TREES REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER'S PROPERTY. SUCH LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE MAY REQUIRE THE PROPERTY OWNER TO PLANT UP TO THREE TREES FOR EACH TREE REMOVED AND MAY INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX CREDITS AND REASONABLE FINES AS DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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