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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to rechargeable battery recycling

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 27-1807 of the  
2 environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 562 of the laws of  
3 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
4     b. Submittance to the department of annual reports, on a form  
5 prescribed by the department, concerning the amount of rechargeable  
6 batteries received within the state and recycled either by number or by  
7 weight; the costs of such efforts; and any other relevant information as  
8 required by the department. SUCH REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE THE WEIGHT OF  
9 RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES RECEIVED WITHIN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE  
10 MILLION OR MORE.  
11     S 2. Section 27-1809 of the environmental conservation law is amended  
12 by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:  
13     5. IN ADDITION TO ANY ENFORCEMENT OF THIS TITLE BY THE COMMISSIONER  
14 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION, IN A CITY WITH A POPU-  
15 LATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 27-1805 AND  
16 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 27-1807 OF THIS TITLE MAY BE ENFORCED BY AN  
17 AGENCY OR AGENCIES DESIGNATED BY THE MAYOR OF SUCH CITY. ANY NOTICE OF  
18 VIOLATION ISSUED BY AN AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE MAYOR OF SUCH CITY  
19 CHARGING A VIOLATION OF SECTION 27-1805 OR SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION  
20 27-1807 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE RETURNABLE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
21 BOARD OF SUCH CITY. SUCH ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD SHALL HAVE THE  
22 POWER TO IMPOSE THE CIVIL PENALTIES SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND  
23 TWO OF THIS SECTION. ALL CIVIL PENALTIES COLLECTED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF  
24 THIS TITLE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPOSED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD OF  
25 SUCH CITY SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF SUCH CITY.

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

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1 S 3. Section 27-1811 of the environmental conservation law, as added  
2 by chapter 562 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

3 S 27-1811. State preemption.

4 Jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to rechargeable battery recycl-  
5 ing is, by this title, vested exclusively in the state. Any provision of  
6 any local law or ordinance, or any rule or regulation promulgated there-  
7 to, governing rechargeable battery recycling shall, upon the effective  
8 date of section 27-1805 of this title, be preempted; provided, however,  
9 that nothing in this section shall preclude a person from coordinating,  
10 for recycling or reuse, the collection of rechargeable batteries, AND  
11 PROVIDED FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PRECLUDE  
12 THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS TITLE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION  
13 27-1809 OF THIS TITLE.

14 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.