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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to bio heating fuel requirements

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 19-0327 to read as follows:

3     S 19-0327. BIO HEATING FUEL REQUIREMENTS.

4     (1) DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS  
5     SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

6     (A) "BIODIESEL" SHALL MEAN A FUEL, DESIGNATED B100, THAT MEETS THE  
7     SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS DESIGNATION D6751 COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF MONO-ALKYL ESTERS OF LONG CHAIN  
8     FATTY ACIDS DERIVED FROM FEEDSTOCK.

10    (B) "BIO HEATING FUEL" SHALL MEAN A FUEL COMPRISED OF BIODIESEL BLEND-  
11    ED WITH PETROLEUM HEATING OIL THAT MEETS THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS DESIGNATION D396 OR OTHER SPECIFICATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

14    (C) "HEATING OIL" SHALL MEAN PETROLEUM OIL REFINED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
15    USE AS FUEL FOR COMBUSTION IN A SPACE AND/OR WATER HEATING SYSTEM THAT  
16    MEETS THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS DESIGNATION D396 OR OTHER SPECIFICATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE  
17    COMMISSIONER.

19    (D) "FEEDSTOCK" SHALL MEAN SOYBEAN OIL, OIL FROM ANNUAL COVER CROPS,  
20    ALGAL OIL, BIOGENIC WASTE OILS, FATS OR GREASES, OR NON-FOOD GRADE CORN  
21    OIL, PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY RULES AND REGULATIONS, MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF FEEDSTOCK BASED ON THE VEGETABLE OILS, ANIMAL FATS  
22    OR CELLULOSIC BIOMASS LISTED IN TABLE 1 OF 40 C.F.R. S 80.1426.

24    (2) ALL HEATING OIL SOLD FOR USE IN ANY BUILDING IN THE STATE SHALL BE  
25    BIO HEATING FUEL THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST TWO PERCENT BIODIESEL, ONCE  
26    BIODIESEL PRODUCTION OF ASTM 6751 IN THIS STATE REACHES TWELVE MILLION  
27    GALLONS ON AN ANNUALIZED BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS. ALL HEATING OIL SOLD  
28    FOR USE IN ANY BUILDING IN THE STATE SHALL BE BIO HEATING FUEL THAT

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

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1 CONTAINS AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT BIODIESEL, ONCE BIODIESEL PRODUCTION OF  
2 ASTM 6751 IN THIS STATE REACHES THIRTY MILLION GALLONS ON AN ANNUALIZED  
3 BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS. SUCH PRODUCTION GALLON LEVELS SHALL BE MONITORED  
4 AND CERTIFIED BY THE NEW YORK ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
5 BASED ON THE U.S. ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION'S ADJUSTED SALES OF  
6 DISTILLATE FUEL OIL BY END USER TOTAL FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
7 GALLONS. SUCH BLENDING REQUIREMENTS SHALL TAKE EFFECT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY  
8 DAYS AFTER THE CERTIFICATION BY THE NEW YORK ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVEL-  
9 OPMENT AUTHORITY.

10 (3) THE GOVERNOR MAY, BY ISSUING AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, TEMPORARILY  
11 SUSPEND THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS SECTION AT ANY TIME BASED ON THE  
12 GOVERNOR'S DETERMINATION, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE NEW YORK ENERGY  
13 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT, THAT MEETING THE  
14 REQUIREMENT OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION IS NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO  
15 LACK OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF BIODIESEL OR THAT MEETING THE REQUIREMENT  
16 WOULD RESULT IN UNDUE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP TO CONSUMERS.

17 (4) THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT: (A) PROHIBIT THE SALE  
18 AND USE OF BIO HEATING FUEL WITH THE SAME OR ANY GREATER PERCENTAGE OF  
19 BIODIESEL BLENDED WITH HEATING OIL, OR THE SALE AND USE OF ONE HUNDRED  
20 PERCENT BIODIESEL, FOR SPACE AND/OR WATER HEATING PURPOSES IN THE STATE;  
21 AND (B) PREEMPT ANY LAWS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK WITH RESPECT TO  
22 MANDATED PERCENTAGE LEVELS OF BIODIESEL BLENDS WITH HEATING OIL PROVIDED  
23 THAT SUCH LAWS REQUIRE THE SAME OR GREATER PERCENTAGE OF BIODIESEL  
24 BLENDED WITH HEATING OIL AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

25 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.