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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to
declaring a policy of equal treatment in development and enforcement
of environmental laws, regulations and policies

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 1-0101 of
2 the environmental conservation law is designated paragraph a and a new
3 paragraph b is added to read as follows:
4 B. IT IS FURTHER THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT PEOPLE OF ALL RACES,
5 CULTURES, RELIGIONS, INCOMES, EDUCATION LEVELS AND SEXUAL PREFERENCE BE
6 TREATED EQUALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF ENVI-
7 RONMENTAL LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES. IT IS A BASIC RIGHT OF ALL NEW
8 YORKERS TO LIVE AND WORK IN SAFE, HEALTHFUL, PRODUCTIVE, AND AESTHET-
9 ICALLY AND CULTURALLY PLEASING SURROUNDINGS. THIS POLICY IS BASED ON THE
10 CONCEPT OF FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS, WHICH IMPLIES THAT NO POPULATION SHOULD
11 BE FORCED TO BEAR A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF EXPOSURE TO THE NEGATIVE
12 EFFECTS OF POLLUTION DUE TO LACK OF POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC STRENGTH.
13 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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