

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a personal income tax credit for the purchase of reusable shopping bags; to authorize and direct the department of environmental conservation to study the impact of using reusable shopping bags

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new
2 subsection (iii) to read as follows:

3 (iii) Credit for reusable shopping bags. (1) General. A taxpayer shall
4 be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this article for the
5 purchase of new reusable shopping bags by the taxpayer. The amount of
6 the credit shall be one hundred percent of the cost of the new reusable
7 shopping bags.

8 (2) Reusable shopping bags. A reusable shopping bag is a handled bag
9 made from cloth, plastic or another durable material manufactured for
10 multiple reuse. Reusable shopping bags are meant to be used as an alter-
11 native to single-use paper or plastic bags.

12 (3) When credit allowed. The credit provided for in this subsection
13 shall be allowed with respect to the taxable year in which the reusable
14 shopping bag was purchased.

15 (4) Carryover of credit. If the amount of the credit and carryovers of
16 such credit allowable under this subsection for any taxable year shall
17 exceed the taxpayer's tax for such year, such excess amount may be
18 carried over to the five taxable years next following the taxable year
19 with respect to which the credit is allowed and may be deducted from the
20 taxpayer's tax for such year or years.

21 § 2. 1. The department of environmental conservation is hereby author-
22 ized and directed to conduct a study on the impact of the use of reus-
23 able shopping bags on New York wildlife and make recommendations on the
24 use of reusable shopping bags. Such department shall solicit the input
25 and cooperation of researchers and stakeholders it deems relevant when

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

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1 designing such study and in determining how to implement such recommen-
2 dations. The scope of such study shall include, but not be limited to:

3 a. the impact on the overall health of New York wildlife from the use
4 of reusable shopping bags;

5 b. an examination of the direct and indirect impact of reusable shop-
6 ping bag use on population growth and decline of New York wildlife with
7 a focus on such wildlife that is subject to conservation efforts;

8 c. which geographic regions of the state are particularly affected by
9 the use of reusable shopping bags;

10 d. which species of wildlife are particularly affected by reusable
11 shopping bag use; and

12 e. anything else such department deems relevant to the use of reusable
13 shopping bags.

14 2. Such department shall issue a report containing the findings of the
15 study to the legislature no later than eighteen months succeeding the
16 date on which this act shall have become a law.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
18 section one of this act shall apply to the tax year in which it shall
19 take effect and all subsequent tax years.