

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Joyner) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT authorizing and directing the commissioner of environmental  
conservation to conduct a study on food waste initiatives and to  
provide recommendations based on the study's findings

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

1 Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this act, the following  
2 terms shall have the following meanings:

3 1. "agency" means any state department, agency, board, public benefit  
4 corporation, public authority, or commission.

5 2. "food service establishments" shall include, but not be limited to,  
6 the following: full-service restaurants, fast food restaurants, cafes,  
7 delicatessens, coffee shops, and cafeterias.

8 3. "commissioner" means the commissioner of environmental conserva-  
9 tion.

10 4. "department" means the department of environmental conservation.

11 5. "food waste" means food that is not required to meet the needs of a  
12 food service establishment and which is disposed of in a manner such  
13 that it will not be eaten.

14 6. "food waste initiative" means an initiative regarding the use  
15 and/or disposal of food waste.

16 § 2. Study. 1. The commissioner is authorized and directed to conduct  
17 a study on food waste initiatives throughout the state. Such study shall  
18 include, but not be limited to:

19 a. food waste initiatives implemented or planned to be implemented by  
20 non-governmental organizations, agencies, and other states and nations;

21 b. any laws, rules, or regulations proposed or implemented in any  
22 municipality; and

23 c. scholarly articles and proposals for food waste initiatives.

24 2. Upon request, an agency shall provide the commissioner with infor-  
25 mation which may help complete the commissioner's study.

26 § 3. Report. The commissioner shall submit to the governor and the  
27 legislature, no later than eighteen months after the effective date of  
28 this act, a report on the findings of the study as well as the commis-  
29 sioner's recommendations for reducing food waste within the state.

30 § 4. 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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