STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to developing a cigarette butts recycling program

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

1   Section 1. Section 27-1019 of the environmental conservation law is
2 renumbered section 27-1021 and a new section 27-1019 is added to read as
3 follows:
4 *§ 27-1019. Cigarette butt recycling and waste control.*
5 *1. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health*
6 *shall develop and implement a program for the collection and recycling*
7 *of cigarette butts.*
8 *2. Such program shall include but not be limited to:*
9 *a. Establishing a statewide system and redemption facilities for the*
10 *collection of used cigarette butts via automated or non-automated recy-*
11 *cling equipment to be situated locally, but not less than one facility*
12 *per county;*
13 *b. Establishing a deposit and refund value for individual cigarette*
14 *butts returned to collection facilities of not less than one cent per*
15 *cigarette butt returned and establish a fiscal plan allocating how*
16 *deposit funds are collected and refunded; and*
17 *c. Establishing a public education and marketing campaign to educate*
18 *individuals as to the harm cigarette butts cause to the environment and*
19 *working with cigarette manufacturers to implement anti-litter messages*
20 *on their packaging.*
21 *3. The commissioner shall have the authority to promulgate any rules*
22 *and regulations necessary for the implementation of this program.*
23 *4. For the purposes of this section "cigarette butt" or "used ciga-*
24 *rette butt" shall mean any cigarette, cigar, or tobacco product with a*
25 *filter or butt that is not smoked and has the possibility of becoming a*
26 *waste product.*
27 § 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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