

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT in relation to establishing a task force to study and report on  
the feasibility of a cigarette filter recycling program; and providing  
for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. A three member task force is hereby established to assess  
2 the feasibility, economic and public health impacts, and effectiveness  
3 of a mandatory and/or voluntary cigarette filter recycling program.

4 § 2. The task force shall be comprised of the commissioners of econom-  
5 ic development, public health, and environmental conservation, who may  
6 designate representatives to act on their behalf.

7 § 3. The task force shall meet as frequently as its business may  
8 require and members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
9 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses  
10 incurred in performance of their duties.

11 § 4. (a) The task force shall conduct a public hearing in each region  
12 of the state and solicit public commentary on the feasibility, economic  
13 and public health impacts, and effectiveness of a mandatory and/or  
14 voluntary cigarette filter recycling program. Provision shall be made  
15 for the solicitation of interested parties and experts in the fields of  
16 environmental conservation and public health.

17 (b) Notice of such hearings shall, not less than two weeks prior to  
18 the scheduled date, be posted conspicuously and printed in a newspaper  
19 or newspapers having general circulation within the region in which such  
20 hearing shall be held.

21 § 5. The task force shall provide a report to the governor and the  
22 legislature on or before January 1, 2021. Such report shall include:

23 (a) the general feasibility of both mandatory and voluntary cigarette  
24 filter recycling programs and any other information and concerns gath-

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

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1 ered from the public hearing required pursuant to section four of this  
2 act; and  
3 (b) recommendations for both voluntary and mandatory cigarette filter  
4 recycling programs.  
5 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
6 deemed repealed on January 1, 2021.