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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY, SIMON, COOK -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the paper carryout bag reduction fee

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 27-2805 of the environmental  
2 conservation law, as added by section 2 of part H of a chapter of the  
3 laws of 2019 amending the environmental conservation law, the alcoholic  
4 beverage control law and the state finance law relating to establishing  
5 guidelines for bag waste reduction, as proposed in legislative bill  
6 numbers S.1508-C and A.2008-C, is amended to read as follows:  
7 7. All paper carryout bag reduction fee monies and any related penal-  
8 ties and interest remitted to the commissioner of taxation and finance  
9 under this section, except as hereinafter provided, shall be deposited  
10 daily with such responsible banks, banking houses, or trust companies as  
11 may be designated by the state comptroller. Of the revenues deposited,  
12 the comptroller shall retain in the comptroller's hands such amount as  
13 the commissioner of taxation and finance may determine to be necessary  
14 for refunds or reimbursements of the fees collected or received pursuant  
15 to this section, out of which the comptroller shall pay any refunds or  
16 reimbursements of such fees to which persons shall be entitled under the  
17 provisions of this section. The comptroller, after reserving such refund  
18 and reimbursement fund shall: (a) for the first year following the  
19 effective date of a local law, ordinance or resolution imposing a paper  
20 carryout bag reduction fee adopted pursuant to subdivision one of this  
21 section by a county or city, on or before the twelfth day of each month,  
22 pay to the appropriate fiscal officers of the counties or cities impos-  
23 ing tax under subdivision one of this section an amount equal to forty  
24 percent of the paper carryout bag reduction fee monies and any related

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

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1 penalties and interest collected by the commissioner of taxation and  
2 finance in respect of each such county or city in the preceding calendar  
3 month to be used for the purpose of purchasing and distributing reusable  
4 bags, with priority given to low- and fixed-income communities; and (b)  
5 after the first year following the effective date of a local law, ordi-  
6 nance or resolution imposing a paper carryout bag reduction fee adopted  
7 pursuant to subdivision one of this section by a county or city, on or  
8 before the twelfth day of each month, pay to each person located in such  
9 county or city and required to collect the paper carryout bag reduction  
10 fee an amount equal to forty percent of the paper carryout bag reduction  
11 fee monies collected by such person. Provided further that at the end of  
12 each fiscal year, any funds which have not been used for the purpose  
13 defined in this section shall be returned to the comptroller and be  
14 deposited into the general fund to be used for the purpose of purchasing  
15 and distributing reusable bags with priority given to low- and fixed-in-  
16 come communities. Any remaining amount of paper carryout bag reduction  
17 fee monies and any related penalties and interest shall be deposited  
18 monthly into the environmental protection fund established pursuant to  
19 section ninety-two-s of the state finance law.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
21 manner as part H of a chapter of the laws of 2019 amending the environ-  
22 mental conservation law, the alcoholic beverage control law and the  
23 state finance law relating to establishing guidelines for bag waste  
24 reduction, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S.1508-C and  
25 A.2008-C, takes effect.