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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the creation of a nontoxic dry cleaning incentive grant program

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new article 48 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 48

NONTOXIC DRY CLEANING

Section 48-0101. Nontoxic dry cleaning incentive grant program.

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1. The commissioner shall develop and implement a grant program from moneys appropriated for such purpose that provides incentives for dry cleaners in the state that utilize perchloroethylene in their operations to transition to utilizing dry cleaning systems determined by the department to be nontoxic and nonsmog-forming.

2. To be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section, applicants shall completely replace their perchloroethylene-based dry cleaning system with a system that the department determines to be appropriate and has determined to be nontoxic and nonsmog-forming. The department shall determine the eligibility of grant recipients pursuant to publicly available criteria with consideration given to ensuring an equitable geographic distribution.

3. (a) The department shall make grants available in the amount of ten thousand dollars to any eligible dry cleaning operation for the purchase of a professional dry cleaning system that uses a nontoxic and nonsmog-forming process.

(b) The department shall ensure that the grant moneys provided pursuant to this section are awarded in a manner that directly reduces air contaminants or reduces the public health risk associated with air

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

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contaminants in communities with the most significant exposure to air contaminants or localized air contaminants, or both, including, but not limited to, environmental justice communities.

4. Commencing April second, two thousand twenty, and every three years thereafter, the department shall provide a report to the legislature evaluating the effectiveness of the grant program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law.