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Introduced by Sen. KAMINSKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting certain uses of trichloroethylene

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 section 37-0115 to read as follows:

§ 37-0115. Prohibition against certain uses of trichloroethylene.

1. Beginning January 1, 2021, no person shall use trichloroethylene as a vapor degreaser, an intermediate chemical to produce other chemicals, a refrigerant, or an extraction solvent or in any other manufacturing or cleaning process or use.

2. Any person required to comply with this section shall replace trichloroethylene with a chemical demonstrated to be less toxic to human health and approved by the commissioner.

3. For purposes of this section:

(a) "Extraction solvent" means a solvent used to separate a specific substance from a mixture.

(b) "Person" means any individual, firm, association, partnership, corporation, organization, or joint venture.

(c) "Refrigerant" means a chemical that is used as a heat carrier in a cooling mechanism and that changes from liquid to gas and back again in the refrigeration cycle.

(d) "Trichloroethylene" means a chemical with the Chemical Registry Abstract Services Number of 79-01-6.

(e) "Vapor degreaser" means a substance boiled to a vapor that condenses onto metal parts, causing beading and dripping, and that removes contaminants from the parts.

§ 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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