

STATE OF NEW YORK

6829--A

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

November 1, 2019

Introduced by Sens. KAMINSKY, HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Environmental Conservation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 37-0117 to read as follows:

§ 37-0117. Prohibition against certain uses of trichloroethylene.

1. Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-one, 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; provided, however, that dry cleaning establishments shall be permitted to use up to, but no more than, one gallon of trichloroethylene per calendar year; provided further, however, that the owner or operator of a dry cleaning establishment shall prohibit persons of childbearing age from being present in a room in which trichloroethylene is being used for the duration of the use of the trichloroethylene.

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.

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

LBD13807-04-0

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

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

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

9 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.