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Introduced by M. of A. COLTON, ABBATE, L. ROSENTHAL, SEAWRIGHT, BARRON, WILLIAMS, J. RIVERA, THIELE, GOTTFRIED, DE LA ROSA, EPSTEIN, COOK, GLICK, HYNDMAN, FALL, FERNANDEZ, CRUZ, DeSTEFANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SIMON, SOLAGES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the general city law, in relation to requiring the collection of recyclable materials at parks, playgrounds, historic sites and other recreational facilities in cities with a population of one million or more; and to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing state assistance therefor to municipalities

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

1 Section 1. The general city law is amended by adding a new section  
2 20-h to read as follows:

3 § 20-h. Collection of recyclable materials; certain cities. 1. Every  
4 city having a population of one million or more shall establish and  
5 implement a program for the collection of recyclable materials that are  
6 discarded in city parks, playgrounds, historic sites and other recre-  
7 ational facilities. Such recyclable materials shall include, but not be  
8 limited to, metal, plastic, glass and paper. In each such park, play-  
9 ground, historic site and other recreational facility such city shall  
10 install bins for the collection of recyclable materials. The city  
11 department of sanitation shall regularly collect and provide for the  
12 recycling of the recyclable materials collected.

13 2. The city shall post signs in those portions of city parks, play-  
14 grounds, historic sites and other recreational facilities, which do not  
15 have trash receptacles, stating "Please take any trash you generate  
16 while upon this facility with you for disposal when you reach a trash  
17 receptacle."

18 3. Every city having a population of one million or more which estab-  
19 lishes and implements a recyclables recovery program pursuant to subdi-

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

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1 vision one of this section shall be eligible to apply for state assist-  
2 ance for a recycling project pursuant to title seven of article  
3 fifty-four of the environmental conservation law.

4 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 54-0701 of the environmental conserva-  
5 tion law, as amended by chapter 146 of the laws of 2000, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 3. "Recyclables recovery program" means a program undertaken by a  
8 municipality consistent with requirements of section one hundred twen-  
9 ty-aa of the general municipal law and/or section twenty-h of the gener-  
10 al city law to provide for the environmentally sound recovery of recycl-  
11 ables, primarily involving the collection, aggregation and processing of  
12 recyclable materials for their use as raw materials for new products or  
13 for other useful purposes other than for energy recovery, through facil-  
14 ities planned, designed and constructed to ensure environmental  
15 protection and to maximize the potential for recyclables recovery. A  
16 recyclables recovery program also shall mean planning, educational and  
17 promotional activities to increase public awareness of and participation  
18 in recycling. Such program shall have been approved by the commissioner  
19 and undertaken consistent with any local solid waste management plan  
20 pursuant to section 27-0107 of this chapter.

21 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
22 have become a law.