

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT directing the department of environmental conservation to conduct a study on the life cycle of battery use and disposal; directing such department to develop options and recommendations for a battery recycling collection program and a battery recycling outreach and education program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. The department of environmental conservation is authorized  
2 and directed to conduct a study on the life cycle of battery use and  
3 disposal.
- 4 § 2. The scope of the study shall include, but not be limited to:
- 5 (a) environmentally sound battery recycling practices;
- 6 (b) existing battery recycling programs;
- 7 (c) funding of a battery recycling program, with consideration for  
8 battery producers funding the program;
- 9 (d) current hazardous waste plans;
- 10 (e) methods of battery collection which includes an emphasis on  
11 convenience for customers;
- 12 (f) analysis of statewide, local, or joint governance over a battery  
13 recycling collection program;
- 14 (g) transportation of batteries recycled through a battery recycling  
15 collection program;
- 16 (h) how to implement a battery recycling collection program throughout  
17 the state given its varied population densities; and
- 18 (i) the use of battery stewardship organizations in a battery recycling  
19 collection program.

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

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1     § 3. The department of environmental conservation shall provide a  
2 report to the governor and the legislature on or before January 1, 2023.  
3 Such report shall include:

4     (a) an analysis of options for a battery recycling collection program  
5 which include transparent reporting and performance goals for responsi-  
6 ble parties;

7     (b) an analysis of options for a battery recycling outreach and educa-  
8 tion program; and

9     (c) recommendations on both battery recycling collection programs and  
10 battery recycling outreach and education programs.

11     § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
12 deemed repealed April 1, 2023.