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## IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to banning paper receipts for certain purchases and requiring businesses to provide proof of purchases electronically

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

1 Section 1. Article 27 of the environmental conservation law is amended  
2 by adding a new title 16 to read as follows:

### TITLE 16

#### PAPER RECEIPT REDUCTION

##### Section 27-1601. Definitions.

27-1603. Paper receipt ban.

27-1605. Violations.

27-1607. Preemption of local law.

##### § 27-1601. Definitions.

As used in this title:

10 1. "Business" means a company that accepts payment through credit or  
11 debit transactions. "Business" does not include a health care provider.

12 2. "Consumer" means a person who purchases, and does not offer for  
13 resale, food, alcohol, other tangible personal property, or services.

14 3. "Electronic form" includes, but is not limited to, a form sent  
15 through email or text message.

16 4. "Invoice" means an itemized list of goods or services provided  
17 before or after the point of sale through a contract stating the amount  
18 due.

19 5. "Proof of purchase" means a receipt for the retail sale of food,  
20 alcohol, or other tangible personal property, or for the provision of  
21 services, provided at the point of sale, but does not include an  
22 invoice.  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 27-1603. Paper receipt ban.

2 1. On and after January first, two thousand twenty-four, a proof of  
3 purchase shall be provided to a consumer by a business only at the  
4 consumer's option, unless a proof of purchase is otherwise required to  
5 be given to the consumer by state or federal law.

6 2. On and after January first, two thousand twenty-four, a paper proof  
7 of purchase shall not be printed if the consumer opts to not receive a  
8 proof of purchase, unless otherwise required by state or federal law.

9 3. (a) On and after January first, two thousand twenty-six, if a  
10 consumer opts to receive a proof of purchase pursuant to subdivision one  
11 of this section, the proof of purchase shall be provided in electronic  
12 form or paper form, at the consumer's option, unless a prescribed form  
13 is otherwise required by state or federal law.

14 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a business is  
15 not required to provide an electronic proof of purchase if, due to  
16 limited internet connectivity, a power outage, or other unexpected tech-  
17 nical difficulties, the business is incapable of sending an electronic  
18 proof of purchase.

19 § 27-1605. Violations.

20 1. Any business who shall violate any provision of this title shall  
21 receive a warning notice for the first such violation. A business shall  
22 be liable to the state of New York for a civil penalty of twenty dollars  
23 for each violation after receiving a warning, but such penalties shall  
24 not to exceed three hundred dollars annually. A hearing or opportunity  
25 to be heard shall be provided prior to the assessment of any civil  
26 penalty.

27 2. The department and the attorney general are hereby authorized to  
28 enforce the provisions of this title.

29 § 27-1607. Preemption of local law.

30 Jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to paper proof of purchase  
31 restrictions is vested exclusively in the state.

32 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.