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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:

Section 1. The department of environmental conservation is authorized and directed to conduct a study on the life cycle of battery use and disposal.

§ 2. The scope of the study shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) environmentally sound battery recycling practices;

(b) existing battery recycling programs;

(c) funding of a battery recycling program, with consideration for battery producers funding the program;

(d) current hazardous waste plans;

(e) methods of battery collection which includes an emphasis on convenience for customers;

(f) analysis of statewide, local, or joint governance over a battery recycling collection program;

(g) transportation of batteries recycled through a battery recycling collection program;

(h) how to implement a battery recycling collection program throughout the state given its varied population densities; and

(i) the use of battery stewardship organizations in a battery recycling collection program.

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

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

(a) an analysis of options for a battery recycling collection program which include transparent reporting and performance goals for responsible parties;

(b) an analysis of options for a battery recycling outreach and education program; and

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

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 This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2023.