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AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to enacting the New  
York tropical deforestation-free procurement act; and to amend the  
economic development law, in relation to establishing the supply chain  
transparency assistance program

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York  
2 tropical deforestation-free procurement act".

3 § 2. Legislative findings. The legislature finds and declares the  
4 following:

5 1. Tropical forests cover roughly 7 percent of Earth's surface, but  
6 harbor close to 50 percent of all species on Earth.

7 2. Human activity is the driving force behind the current rate of  
8 species extinction, which is at least 100 to 1,000 times higher than  
9 historical levels. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on  
10 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services reported in 2019 that around 1  
11 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction,  
12 many within decades, more than ever before in human history. This is  
13 directly linked to habitat loss, with more than a third of the world's  
14 land surface and nearly 75 percent of freshwater resources now devoted  
15 to crop or livestock production.

16 3. Globally, an estimated 18,000,000 acres of forest, an area more  
17 than half the size of New York state, are lost every year to deforesta-  
18 tion according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United  
19 Nations, with over one-half of Earth's tropical forests already gone. At  
20 the current pace, the entirety of Earth's tropical rainforests will be  
21 degraded or destroyed within the next 100 years.

22 4. It has been estimated that at least 30 percent of the world's  
23 greenhouse gas emissions come from deforestation and forest degradation.

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

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1 Taking into account carbon sequestration potential, stopping the loss of  
 2 tropical forests, mangroves, and wetlands could provide over 20 percent  
 3 of climate mitigation by 2030.

4 5. Loss of biodiversity resulting from forest degradation and defores-  
 5 tation, as well as human encroachment on formerly undisturbed ecosys-  
 6 tems, increases the risks of zoonotic disease pandemics such as COVID-  
 7 19.

8 6. New York state is a leader in addressing the climate crisis, with a  
 9 statutory goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy-  
 10 wide by 2050.

11 7. Tropical deforestation in many countries is closely associated with  
 12 violations of the land rights of indigenous peoples and local communi-  
 13 ties and with the exploitation of workers, including forced labor and  
 14 child labor, and in many cases is enabled by corruption, criminality,  
 15 and violence against conservationists and land defenders.

16 8. Tropical deforestation in many countries is also closely associated  
 17 with illegal wildlife trafficking, including, but not limited to, vari-  
 18 ous bird and reptile species, many primate species, including great  
 19 apes, pangolins, and orangutans.

20 9. The primary factors leading to tropical deforestation are degrada-  
 21 tion and road-building associated with logging for timber, which opens  
 22 the door for deforestation caused by industrial-scale production of  
 23 agricultural commodities and conversion of forests into plantations for  
 24 the timber, pulp, paper, palm oil, soy, and livestock industries, among  
 25 others. Together, these are increasingly known as "forest-risk commod-  
 26 ities".

27 10. New York is inadvertently promoting and sanctioning deforestation  
 28 and primary forest degradation through the purchase of goods and  
 29 products that have been produced in supply chains that contribute to  
 30 tropical deforestation and tropical primary forest degradation.

31 11. New York has one of the largest economies in the world and its  
 32 purchasing power has significant market force, allowing it to play a  
 33 leadership role in preventing forest loss and supporting markets for  
 34 sustainably-sourced products.

35 12. It is the intent of the legislature that it be the policy of this  
 36 state to ensure companies contracting with the state are not contribut-  
 37 ing to tropical deforestation or tropical primary forest degradation  
 38 directly or through their supply chains.

39 § 3. Paragraphs b, c, d and e of subdivision 1 of section 165 of the  
 40 state finance law, as added by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, are  
 41 amended to read as follows:

42 b. "Tropical hardwood" shall mean any and all hardwood, scientifically  
 43 classified as angiosperm, that grows in any tropical [~~moist~~] forest.  
 44 Tropical hardwoods shall [~~be~~] include but not be limited to the follow-  
 45 ing species:

Scientific Name	<u>Examples of</u> Common [ <del>Name</del> ]
	<u>Names</u>
<u>Prunus africana</u>	<u>African cherry, Red stinkwood</u>
<u>Caryocar costaricense</u>	<u>Ajo, Aji</u>
<u>Calophyllum spp.</u>	<u>Bintangor</u>
<u>Cedrela spp.</u>	<u>Cedar</u>
<u>Neobalanocarpus heimii,</u>	<u>Chengal</u>
<u>Balanocarpus heimii</u>	
<u>Octomeles sumatrana</u> Miq.	<u>Erima, benuang</u>
<u>Myroxylon balsamum</u>	<u>Estoraque</u>
<u>Apuleia leiocarpa</u>	<u>Garapa</u>

1	<u>Parastemon urophyllus</u> , <u>Parastemon</u>	<u>Malas</u>
2	<u>spicatus</u> Ridley	
3	<u>Hopea</u> spp.	<u>Merawan</u>
4	<u>Araucaria araucana</u>	<u>Monkey Puzzle</u> , <u>Chilean pine</u>
5	<u>Pterocarpus tinctorius</u>	<u>Mukula</u>
6	<u>Senna siamea</u>	<u>Siamese senna</u>
7	<u>Pometia pinata</u>	<u>Taun</u>
8	<u>Milletia leucantha</u> Kurz	<u>Thinwin</u>
9	<u>Bulnesia arborea</u> , <u>Bulnesia</u>	<u>Verawood</u> , <u>Argentine lignum</u>
10	<u>sarmientoi</u>	<u>vitae</u>
11	<u>Tristaniopsis laurina</u>	<u>Water gum</u>
12	<u>Terminalia</u> spp.	
13	<u>Homalium foetidum</u>	<u>Malas</u>
14	<u>Dillenia papuana</u>	<u>Dillenia</u>
15	<u>Canarium</u> spp.	<u>Red Canarium</u> , <u>Grey Canarium</u>
16	<u>Burkrella macropoda</u>	<u>Rang rang</u>
17	<u>Octomeles sumatrana</u>	<u>Erima</u> , <u>Benuang</u>
18	<u>Dracontomelon dao</u>	<u>New Guinea walnut</u>
19	<u>Planchonella</u> spp.	<u>White Planchonella</u> , <u>Red</u>
20		<u>Planchonella</u>
21	<u>Lophopetalum</u> spp.	<u>Perupok</u>
22	<u>Carinian pyriformis</u>	<u>Abarco</u> , <u>Jequitiba</u>
23	<u>Mitragyna ciliate</u>	<u>Abura</u>
24	<u>Vouacapous americana</u>	<u>Acapu</u>
25	<u>Amburana caerensis</u>	<u>Amburana</u> , <u>Cerejeira</u>
26	<u>Dalbergia melanoxylon</u>	<u>African Blackwood</u>
27	<u>Lovoa</u> spp.	<u>African Walnut</u> , <u>Tigerwood</u>
28	<u>Pericopsis elata</u>	[ <del>Afrormosis</del> ] <u>Afrormosia</u>
29	[ <del>Shorea almon</del> ]	[ <del>Almon</del> ]
30	<u>Aspidosperma megalocarpon</u>	<u>Acaretto</u>
31	<u>Peltogyne</u> spp.	<u>Amaranth</u> , <u>purpleheart</u>
32	<u>Terminalia amazonia</u>	<u>Amarillo Real</u>
33	[ <del>Guibourtia</del> ] <u>Guibourtia ehie</u>	<u>Amazaque</u>
34	<u>Amburana cearensis</u>	<u>Amburana</u> , <u>Cerejeira</u> , <u>cumare</u>
35	<u>Pterogyne nitens</u>	<u>Amendoim</u>
36	<u>Carapa guianensis</u>	<u>Andiroba</u> , <u>False Mahogany</u>
37	<u>Dicorynia guianensis</u>	<u>Angilique Cris</u>
38	[ <del>Aningeria</del> ] <u>Aningeria</u> spp.	<u>Aningeria</u> , <u>anegre</u> ,
39		<u>anigre</u>
40	<u>Dipterocarpus</u> [ <del>grandiflorus</del> ]	[ <del>Apilong</del> ] <u>Apitong</u> , <u>Keruing</u>
41	<u>spp.</u>	
42	<u>Centrolobium</u> spp.	<u>Arariba</u> , <u>Amarillo</u>
43	<u>Brosimum utile</u>	<u>Baco</u>
44	<u>Shorea</u> spp.	<u>Balau</u> , <u>Selangan batu</u>
45	<u>Ochroma lagopus</u>	<u>Balsa</u>
46	<u>Ochroma pyramidale</u>	<u>Balsa</u>
47	<u>Myroxylon balsamum</u>	<u>Balsamo</u>
48	[ <del>Virela</del> -spp.]	[ <del>Banak</del> ]
49	<u>Anisoptera thurifera</u>	<u>Bella</u> [ <del>Rose</del> ] <u>Rosa</u>
50	[ <del>Guibourtia</del> ] <u>Guibourtia arnoldiana</u>	
51		<u>Benge</u> , <u>Mutenye</u>
52	<u>Berlinia</u> spp.	<u>Berlinia</u> , <u>Rose Zebrano</u>
53	<u>Symphonia globulifera</u>	<u>Boar Wood</u>
54	<u>Deterium</u> [ <del>senegalese</del> ] <u>senegalese</u>	<u>Boire</u>
55	<u>Caesalpinia echinata</u>	<u>Brazilwood</u> , <u>Pernambuco</u>
56	<u>Paubrasilia eschinata</u>	

1	<u>Bertholletia excels</u>	<u>Brazil Tree</u>
2	<u>Brosimum alicastrum</u>	<u>Breadnut</u>
3	<u>Guilbourtia spp.</u>	<u>Bubinga, African</u>
4	<u>(G. demusei, G. pellegriniana,</u>	<u>Rosewood, Kevazingo</u>
5	<u>G. tessmannii)</u>	
6	<u>Toona calantas, Cedrela calantas</u>	<u>Calantas, Kalantas</u>
7	<u>Priora copaifera</u>	<u>Cativo</u>
8	<u>Cedrela odorata, Cedrela fissilis</u>	<u>Cedro, Cedar, Spanish cedar,</u>
9		<u>South American cedar</u>
10	<u>Ceiba pentandra</u>	<u>Ceiba</u>
11	<u>Antiaris africana</u>	<u>Chenchen, Antiaris</u>
12	<u>Couratari guianensis</u>	<u>Coco Blanco</u>
13	<u>[Dalbergia] Dalbergia</u>	
14	<u>retusa</u>	<u>[Cocobola] Cocobolo,</u>
15		<u>Granadillo</u>
16	<u>Tabebuia donnell-smithii</u>	<u>Copal</u>
17	<u>Daniellia spp.</u>	<u>Copal, Daniellia</u>
18	<u>Cordia spp.</u>	<u>Cordia, Bocote, Ziricote, Louro</u>
19	<u>Hymenaea courbaril</u>	<u>Courbaril, West Indian Locust</u>
20	<u>Dipteryx odorata</u>	<u>Cumaru</u>
21	<u>Piptadeniastrum africanum</u>	<u>Dahoma, Banzu</u>
22	<u>Calycophyllum candidissimum</u>	<u>Degame, Legame Lancewood,</u>
23		<u>Lemonwood</u>
24	<u>Afzelia spp.</u>	<u>Doussie, Lingue</u>
25	<u>[Diospyros] Diospyrus spp.</u>	<u>Ebony, Macassar</u>
26		<u>ebony,</u>
27		<u>Ceylon ebony</u>
28	<u>Lophira alata</u>	<u>Ekki, Azobe, Bangassi, Akoura,</u>
29		<u>Red Ironwood</u>
30	<u>Combretodendron macrocarpum</u>	<u>Esia, Essia</u>
31	<u>Cordia goeldiana</u>	<u>Freijo, Cordia Wood</u>
32	<u>Chlorophora tinctoria</u>	<u>Fustic, Yellow Wood, Tatajuba</u>
33	<u>[Aucoumes] Aucoumea klaineana</u>	<u>Gaboon, Okoume</u>
34	<u>Astronium spp.</u>	<u>Goncalo Alves, Zebrawood,</u>
35		<u>Tigerwood</u>
36	<u>Ocotea rodiaei</u>	<u>Greenheart</u>
37	<u>Enterolobium cyclocarpum</u>	<u>Guanacaste, Rain Tree,</u>
38		<u>Elephant Ear</u>
39	<u>Guarea spp.</u>	<u>Guarea, Bosse</u>
40	<u>Terminalia ivorensis</u>	<u>Idigbo, Framire, Black Afara</u>
41	<u>Phoebe porosa</u>	<u>Imbuia, Imbuya, Embuia,</u>
42		<u>Brazilian Walnut</u>
43	<u>Handroanthus spp.</u>	<u>Ipe, Brazilian walnut,</u>
44		<u>bethabarra, Pau d'arco,</u>
45		<u>Ironwood, Lapacho</u>
46	<u>Chlorophors excelsa</u>	<u>Iroko</u>
47	<u>Hymenaea courbaril</u>	<u>Jatoba, "Brazilian Cherry"</u>
48	<u>Jacaranda copaia</u>	<u>Jacaranda</u>
49	<u>Machaerium villosum</u>	<u>Jacaranda Pardo</u>
50	<u>Dyera costulata</u>	<u>Jelutong</u>
51	<u>Dryobalanops spp.</u>	<u>Kapur, Keladan</u>
52	<u>Koompassia malaccensis</u>	<u>Kempas, Impas</u>
53	<u>Acacia koa</u>	<u>Koa</u>
54	<u>[Entandrophragma] Entandrophragma</u>	<u>cKosipo, iOmu</u>
55	<u>Pterygota macrocarpa</u>	<u>Koto, African Pterygota, Ware</u>
56	<u>Oxandra lanceolate</u>	<u>Lancewood</u>

1	Shorea <u>spp.</u> [ <del>negrosensis</del> ]	[ <del>Red</del> ] Lauan, <u>Luan,</u>
2		<u>Lawaan, Meranti, White</u>
3		<u>meranti, yellow meranti, dark</u>
4		<u>red meranti, light red meranti,</u>
5		<u>Seraya, Tanguile, Bang,</u>
6		<u>Philippine Mahogany</u>
7	[ <del>Pentaeme contorta</del> ]	[ <del>White-Lauan</del> ]
8	[ <del>Shorea pleyssieria</del> ]	[ <del>Tanguile</del> ]
9	<u>Nothofagus pumilio</u>	<u>Lenga</u>
10	<u>Guaiacum officinale</u>	<u>Lignum Vitae, Guayacan,</u>
11		<u>Ironwood</u>
12	Terminalia superba	<u>Limba, Afara, Ofram</u>
13	[ <del>Aniba duekeri</del> ] <u>Aniba rosendora</u>	[ <del>Louro</del> ] <u>Brazilian</u>
14		<u>rosewood, pau rosa, bois</u>
15		<u>de rose</u>
16	<u>Nectandra spp.</u>	<u>Louro Preto</u>
17	[ <del>Kyaya ivorensis</del> ] <u>Khaya spp.</u>	[ <del>Africa</del> ] <u>African</u>
18		<u>Mahogany</u>
19	[ <del>Swietenia macrophylla</del> ]	[ <del>Amer. Mahogany</del> ]
20	<u>Swietenia spp.</u>	<u>American Mahogany, West Indian</u>
21		<u>Mahogany, Central American</u>
22		<u>Mahogany, Honduran Mahogany,</u>
23		<u>South American Mahogany,</u>
24		<u>Mexican Mahogany, Bigleaf</u>
25		<u>Mahogany, Little Leaf</u>
26		<u>Mahogany, Acajou, Caoba</u>
27		<u>Mogno</u>
28	Tieghemella [ <del>heckelii</del> ] <u>heckelii</u>	[ <del>Makora</del> ]
29		<u>Makore,</u>
30		<u>Baku</u>
31	<u>Diospyros marmorata</u>	<u>Marblewood, Zebrawood</u>
32	<u>Intsia bijuga, Intsia palembanica</u>	<u>Merbau, Ipil, Kwila</u>
33	<u>Anisoptera spp.</u>	<u>Mersawa, Krabak, Palosapis</u>
34	<u>Mora excelsa</u>	<u>Mora</u>
35	Distemonanthus benthamianus	<u>Movingui, Ayan</u>
36	<u>Terminalia amazonia</u>	<u>Nargusta</u>
37	<u>Pterocarpus spp.</u>	<u>Narra, Ambyna, Papua New Guinea</u>
38		<u>Rosewood, Red Sanders, Mukula,</u>
39		<u>Kosso, zitan, Hongmu</u>
40	<u>Palaequium spp.</u>	<u>Nyatoh, Padang, Pencil Cedar</u>
41	<u>Triplochiton scleroxylon</u>	<u>Obeche, Samba</u>
42	<u>Nauclea diderrichii</u>	<u>Opepe, Sibo</u>
43	Pterocarpus [ <del>seyauxii</del> ] <u>spp.</u>	[ <del>African</del> ] <u>Padauk,</u>
44		<u>Vermillion Wood</u>
45	[ <del>Pterocarpus angolensis</del> ]	[ <del>Angola-Padauk</del> ]
46	<u>Millettia stuhlmannii</u>	<u>Panga Panga</u>
47	<u>Balfourodendron riedelianum</u>	<u>Pau Marfim</u>
48	Aspidosperma spp.	<u>Peroba, Rosa</u>
49	<u>Paratecoma peroba</u>	<u>Peroba Branca</u>
50	<u>Dalbergia frutescens, D. tomentosa</u>	<u>Pinkwood, Brazilia Tulipwood</u>
51	<u>Tabebuia donnell-smithii</u>	<u>Prima Vera, Roble, Durango</u>
52	Peltogyne spp.	<u>Purpleheart</u>
53	Gonystylus spp.	<u>Ramin</u>
54	<u>Melanorrhoea curtisii</u>	<u>Rengas, Borneo Rosewood</u>
55	<u>Nothofagus obliqua</u>	<u>Roble</u>
56	<u>Hevea brasiliensis</u>	<u>Rubberwood</u>

1	Dalbergia spp.	Rosewood, <u>Indian Rosewood</u> ,
2		<u>Honduras Rosewood, cocobolo,</u>
3		<u>granadillo</u>
4	<u>Aniba duckei</u>	<u>Brazilian Rosewood</u>
5	[ <del>Entandrophragm-a</del> ] <u>Entandrophragma</u>	
6	cylindricum	[ <del>Sapela</del> ] <u>Sapele, Sapelli</u>
7	<u>Acanthopanax ricinofolius</u>	<u>Sen, Castor Arabia</u>
8	<u>Brosimum aubletti, Piratinera</u>	<u>Snakewood, Letterwood, Leopard</u>
9	<u>guianensis</u>	<u>Wood</u>
10	[ <del>Shorea phillippinensis</del> ]	[ <del>Senora</del> ]
11	<u>Juglans spp. (juglans</u>	<u>South American Walnut, Peruvian</u>
12	<u>australis, J. neotropica,</u>	<u>Walnut</u>
13	<u>J. Olanchana, etc.)</u>	
14	<u>Sterculia rhinopetala</u>	<u>Sterculia</u>
15	<u>Bagassa guianensis</u>	<u>Tatajuba, Bagasse</u>
16	Tectona grandis	Teak
17	Lovoa trichilloides	Tigerwood
18	<u>Entandrophragma utile</u>	<u>Utile, Sipo</u>
19	<u>Virola spp.</u>	<u>Virola, Cumala, Banak, Tapsava</u>
20	Millettia laurentii	Wenge
21	<u>Pentacme contorta</u>	<u>White Lauan</u>
22	Microberlinia [ <del>brassavillensis</del> ]	<u>Zebrawood,</u>
23	<u>spp.</u>	<u>Zebrano, Zingana</u>

24 c. "Tropical [~~rain~~] forests" shall mean [~~any and all forests classi-~~  
25 ~~fied by the scientific term "Tropical moist forests", the classification~~  
26 ~~determined by the equatorial region of the forest and average rainfall]~~  
27 a natural ecosystem within the tropical regions, approximately bounded  
28 geographically by the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, but possibly  
29 affected by other factors such as prevailing winds, containing native  
30 species composition, structure, and ecological function, with a tree  
31 canopy cover of more than ten percent over an area of at least 0.5  
32 hectares. "Tropical forests" shall include all of the following: (i)  
33 human-managed tropical forests or partially degraded tropical forests  
34 that are regenerating; and (ii) tropical forests identified by multi-ob-  
35 jective conservation based assessment methodologies, such as High  
36 Conservation Value (HCV) areas, as defined by the HCV Resource Network,  
37 or High Carbon Stock forests, as defined by the High Carbon Stock  
38 Approach, or by another methodology with equivalent or higher standards  
39 that includes primary forests and tropical peatlands of any depth.  
40 "Tropical forests" shall not include tree plantations of any type.

41 d. "Tropical wood products" shall mean any wood products, wholesale or  
42 retail, in any form, including but not limited to plywood, veneer,  
43 furniture, cabinets, paneling, siding, moldings, doors, doorskins, join-  
44 ery, flooring or sawnwood, which are composed, in whole or in part, of  
45 tropical hardwood [~~except plywood~~].

46 e. "Peat" means a soil that is rich in organic matter composed of  
47 partially decomposed plant materials equal to or greater than 40 centi-  
48 meters of the top 100 centimeters of the soil.

49 f. "Tropical peatlands" means wetlands with a layer of peat made up of  
50 dead and decaying plant material. Tropical peatlands includes moors,  
51 bogs, mires, and peat swamp forests.

52 g. "Secondary materials" means any material recovered from or other-  
53 wise destined for the waste stream, including, but not limited to, post-  
54 consumer material, industrial scrap material and overstock or obsolete  
55 inventories from distributors, wholesalers and other companies but such

term does not include those materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process.

§ 4. Paragraphs b and d of subdivision 2 of section 165 of the state finance law, as added by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, are amended to read as follows:

b. The provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision shall not apply to:

(i) ~~Any hardwoods purchased from a sustained, managed forest, or (ii)~~ Any binding contractual obligations for purchase of commodities entered into prior to August twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred ninety-one; or

~~(iii) The purchase of any tropical hardwood or tropical hardwood product for which there is no acceptable non-tropical hardwood species, or~~

~~(iv) Where the contracting officer finds that no person or entity doing business in the state is capable of providing acceptable non-tropical hardwood species sufficient to meet the particular contract requirements, or~~

~~(v)~~ (ii) Where the inclusion or application of such provisions will violate or be inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant, subvention or contract in an agency of the United States or the instructions of an authorized representative of any such agency with respect to any such grant, subvention or contract~~, or~~

~~(vi) Where inclusion or application of such provisions results in a substantial cost increase to the state, government agency, political subdivision, public corporation or public benefit corporation~~].

d. The provisions of paragraph c of this subdivision shall not apply:

(i) To bid packages advertised and made available to the public or any competitive and sealed bids received or entered into prior to August twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred ninety-one; or

(ii) To any amendment, modification or renewal of a contract, which contract was entered into prior to August twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred ninety-one, where such application would delay timely completion of a project or involve an increase in the total monies to be paid under that contract; or

(iii) Where the contracting officer finds that~~+~~

~~(A) No person or entity doing business in the state is capable of performing the contract using acceptable non-tropical hardwood species, or~~

~~(B) The~~ the inclusion or application of such provisions will violate or be inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant, subvention or contract with an agency of the United States or the instructions of an authorized representative of any such agency with respect to any such grant, subvention or contract~~, or~~

~~(C) The use of tropical woods is deemed necessary for purposes of historical restoration and there exists no available acceptable non-tropical wood species~~].

§ 5. Section 165 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. Tropical deforestation-free procurement. a. For purposes of this subdivision, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Contractor" means any person or entity that has a contract with a state agency or state authority for public works or improvements to be performed, for a franchise, concession or lease of property, for grant monies or goods and services or supplies to be purchased at the expense of the agency or authority or to be paid out of monies deposited in the



1 treasury or out of trust monies under the control or collected by the  
2 agency or authority.

3 (ii) "Tropical forest-risk commodity" means any commodity and its  
4 derived products, including agricultural and non-agricultural commod-  
5 ities but excluding tropical hardwood and tropical wood products covered  
6 by subdivisions one and two of this section, whether in raw or processed  
7 form, that is commonly extracted from, or grown, derived, harvested,  
8 reared, or produced on land where tropical deforestation or tropical  
9 primary forest degradation has occurred or is likely to occur. Tropical  
10 forest-risk commodities include palm oil, soy, beef, coffee, cocoa, wood  
11 pulp, paper, logs, lumber, and any additional commodities defined by the  
12 commissioner of the office of general services pursuant to subparagraph  
13 (i) of paragraph g of this subdivision, but do not include recovered  
14 fiber.

15 (iii) "Free, prior, and informed consent" means the principle that a  
16 community has the right to give or withhold its consent to proposed  
17 developments that may affect the land and waters it legally or customar-  
18 ily owns, occupies, or otherwise uses, as described in the United  
19 Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Indigenous  
20 and Tribal Peoples Convention of 1989, also known as the International  
21 Labor Organization Convention 169, and other international instruments.  
22 "Free, prior, and informed consent" means informed, noncoercive negoti-  
23 ations between investors, companies, or governments, and indigenous  
24 peoples and local communities, prior to project development.

25 (iv) "Large contractor" means any contractor whose annual revenue, or  
26 that of their parent company, is equal to or greater than one hundred  
27 million dollars.

28 (v) "Point-of-origin" means the geographical location, as identified  
29 by the smallest administrative unit of land, where a commodity was  
30 grown, derived, harvested, reared, or produced.

31 (vi) "Recovered Fiber" means postconsumer fiber such as paper, paper-  
32 board, and fibrous materials from retail stores, office buildings,  
33 homes, and so forth, after having passed through their end usage,  
34 including used corrugated boxes, old newspapers, old magazines, mixed  
35 waste paper, tabulating cards, and used cordage, and all paper, paper-  
36 board, and fibrous materials that enter and are collected from municipal  
37 solid waste; and manufacturing wastes such as dry paper and paperboard  
38 waste generated after completion of the papermaking process, including  
39 envelope cuttings, bindery trimmings, and other paper and paperboard  
40 waste resulting from printing, cutting, forming, and other converting  
41 operations, bag, box, and carton manufacturing wastes, and butt rolls,  
42 mill wrappers, and rejected unused stock, and repulped finished paper  
43 and paperboard from obsolete inventories of paper and paperboard  
44 manufacturers, merchants, wholesalers, dealers, printers, converters,  
45 and others.

46 (vii) "Tropical deforestation" means direct human-induced conversion  
47 of tropical forest to agriculture, a tree plantation, or other non-for-  
48 est land use.

49 (viii) "Tropical primary forest degradation" means severe and  
50 sustained degradation of a tropical forest resulting in significant  
51 primary forest loss and/or a profound change in species composition,  
52 structure, or ecological function of that forest.

53 (ix) "Primary forest" means a forest that has never been industrially  
54 logged and has developed following natural disturbances and under  
55 natural processes, regardless of its age. Primary forests include  
56 forests that have experienced non-industrial-scale human impacts,



1 including traditional or subsistence activities carried out by indige-  
2 nous communities.

3 (x) "New York state products" means products that are grown,  
4 harvested, or produced in this state, or processed inside or outside  
5 this state comprising over fifty-one percent raw materials grown,  
6 harvested, or produced in this state, by weight or volume.

7 (xi) "Small business" means small business as defined in section one  
8 hundred thirty-one of the economic development law.

9 (xii) "Medium-sized business" shall mean a business that is resident  
10 in this state, independently owned and operated, not dominant in its  
11 field, and employs between one hundred and five hundred persons.

12 (xiii) "Minority-owned business enterprise" shall have the same mean-  
13 ing as in article fifteen-A of the executive law.

14 (xiv) "Women-owned business enterprise" shall have the same meaning as  
15 in article fifteen-A of the executive law.

16 b. (i) Every contract entered into by a state agency or authority that  
17 includes the procurement of any product comprised wholly or in part of a  
18 tropical forest-risk commodity shall require that the contractor certify  
19 that the commodity furnished to the state pursuant to the contract was  
20 not extracted from, grown, derived, harvested, reared, or produced on  
21 land where tropical deforestation or tropical primary forest degradation  
22 occurred on or after January first, two thousand twenty-three. The  
23 contractor shall agree to comply with this provision of the contract.

24 (ii) The contract shall specify that the contractor is required to  
25 cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to the contractor's  
26 records, documents, agents, employees, or premises if reasonably  
27 required by authorized officials of the contracting agency or authority,  
28 the office of general services, the office of the attorney general, or  
29 the department of environmental conservation, to determine the contrac-  
30 tor's compliance with the requirements under subparagraph (i) of this  
31 paragraph.

32 (iii) Contractors shall exercise due diligence in ensuring that their  
33 subcontractors comply with the requirements under subparagraph (i) of  
34 this paragraph. Contractors shall require each subcontractor to certify  
35 that the subcontractor is in compliance with the requirements of subpar-  
36 agraph (i) of this paragraph.

37 (iv) In addition to the requirements of subparagraphs (i), (ii) and  
38 (iii) of this paragraph, large contractors subject to subparagraph (i)  
39 of this paragraph must certify that they have adopted a tropical forest  
40 policy that complies with regulations issued pursuant to subparagraph  
41 (vii) of paragraph g of this subdivision. The adoption of a tropical  
42 forest policy by a contractor, subcontractor, or supplier that is not a  
43 large contractor is not required by this subparagraph but may be used to  
44 demonstrate compliance with subparagraph (i) of this paragraph. Such  
45 tropical forest policy and all corresponding data shall be made publicly  
46 available, and shall contain at a minimum all of the following:

47 A. Due diligence measures to identify the point-of-origin of tropical  
48 forest-risk commodities and ensure compliance with the policy where  
49 supply chain risks are present.

50 B. Data detailing the complete list of direct and indirect suppliers  
51 and supply chain traceability information, including refineries, proc-  
52 essing plants, farms, and plantations, and their respective owners,  
53 parent companies, and farmers, maps, and geo-locations, for each trop-  
54 ical forest-risk commodity found in products that may be furnished to  
55 the state.

C. Measures taken to ensure the product does not contribute to tropical deforestation or tropical primary forest degradation, including:

(1) no development in tropical primary forests, and that the product does not originate from a site where commodity production has replaced tropical primary forests after January first, two thousand twenty-three;

(2) no development of High Carbon Stock (HCS) Forests;

(3) no development of High Conservation Value (HCV) Areas;

(4) no burning;

(5) efforts to ensure progressive reductions of greenhouse gas emissions on existing plantations;

(6) no development on peat, regardless of depth;

(7) best management practices for existing plantations on peat; and

(8) where feasible, activities oriented towards peat restoration.

D. Measures taken to prevent exploitation and redress grievances of workers and local communities, including:

(1) Respect for and recognition of the rights of all workers including contract, temporary, and migrant workers.

(2) Respect for and recognition of land tenure rights of communities.

(3) Respect for the rights of indigenous and local communities to give or withhold their free, prior, and informed consent to operations on lands to which they hold legal, communal, or customary rights.

(4) Explicit policies and processes to prevent violence, intimidation, and coercion of workers and local communities.

(5) Formal, open, transparent, and consultative processes to address and redress all complaints and conflicts.

E. Measures taken to protect biodiversity and prevent the poaching of endangered species in all operations and adjacent areas.

F. Measures taken to ensure compliance with the laws of countries where tropical forest-risk commodities in a company's supply chain were produced.

G. Measures to deter violence, threats, and harassment against environmental human rights defenders (EHRDs), including respecting internationally recognized human rights standards, and educating employees, contractors, and partners on the rights of EHRDs to express their views, conduct peaceful protests, and criticize practices without intimidation or retaliation.

(v) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall not apply when the inclusion or application of such provisions will violate or be inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant, subvention or contract with an agency of the United States or the instructions of an authorized representative of any such agency with respect to any such grant, subvention or contract.

c. (i) If it is determined that any contractor contracting with the state knew or should have known that a product comprised wholly or in part of a tropical forest-risk commodity was furnished to the state in violation of paragraph b of this subdivision, the contracting agency or authority shall issue a written notice of violation and provide an opportunity for such contractor to come into compliance. If, after such notice, a contractor fails to come into compliance within a timeframe established by the department, such contractor may, subject to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph b of this subdivision, have either or both of the following sanctions imposed:

A. The contract under which the prohibited tropical forest-risk commodity was furnished may be voided at the option of the state agency or authority to which the commodity was furnished.

1 B. The contractor may be assessed a penalty that shall be the greater  
2 of one thousand dollars or an amount equaling twenty percent of the  
3 value of the product that the state agency or authority demonstrates was  
4 comprised wholly or in part of a tropical forest-risk commodity and  
5 furnished to the state in violation of paragraph b of this subdivision.  
6 A hearing or opportunity to be heard shall be provided prior to the  
7 assessment of any penalty.

8 (ii) Notwithstanding subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a contractor  
9 that has complied with the provisions of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph  
10 b of this subdivision shall not be subject to sanctions for violations,  
11 of which the contractor had no knowledge, of the requirements of para-  
12 graph b of this subdivision that were committed solely by a subcontrac-  
13 tor. Sanctions described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall  
14 instead be imposed against the subcontractor that committed the  
15 violation.

16 d. (i) Any state agency or authority that investigates a complaint  
17 against a contractor or subcontractor for violation of this subdivision  
18 may limit its investigation to evaluating the information provided by  
19 the person or entity submitting the complaint and the information  
20 provided by the contractor or subcontractor.

21 (ii) Whenever a contracting officer of the contracting agency or  
22 authority has reason to believe that the contractor failed to comply  
23 with paragraph b of this subdivision, the agency or authority shall  
24 refer the matter for investigation to the head of the agency or authori-  
25 ty and, as the head of the agency or authority determines appropriate,  
26 to either the office of general services, the office of the attorney  
27 general, or the department of environmental conservation.

28 e. (i) When a state agency or authority's contract for the purchase of  
29 a commodity or product covered by this subdivision is to be awarded to  
30 the lowest responsible bidder, an otherwise qualified bidder who is a  
31 small or medium-sized business or a minority or women-owned business  
32 enterprise, or who will fulfill the contract through the use of New York  
33 state products, may be given preference over other bidders, provided  
34 that the cost included in the bid is not more than ten percent greater  
35 than the cost included in a bid that is not from a small or medium-sized  
36 business or a minority or women-owned business enterprise or fulfilled  
37 through the use of New York state products.

38 (ii) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply if the head of  
39 the contracting state agency or authority purchasing such products, in  
40 his or her sole discretion, determines that giving preference to bidders  
41 pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph would be:

42 (a) against the public interest;

43 (b) would increase the cost of the contract by an unreasonable amount;  
44 or

45 (c) New York state products cannot be obtained in sufficient and  
46 reasonable available quantities and of satisfactory quality to meet the  
47 contracting state agency or authority's requirements.

48 (iii) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to conflict with or  
49 otherwise limit the goals and requirements set forth by section one  
50 hundred sixty-two of this article and articles fifteen-A and seventeen-B  
51 of the executive law.

52 f. (i) The commissioner of the office of general services shall  
53 convene a stakeholder advisory group which shall be consulted on the  
54 creation of regulations pursuant to paragraph g of this subdivision.  
55 Members of the advisory group shall be selected by the commissioner and  
56 shall consist of at least:

1 (A) representatives of current or former state contractors dealing in  
2 each of the tropical forest-risk commodities specified in subparagraph  
3 (ii) of paragraph a of this subdivision, with an emphasis on small and  
4 medium-sized businesses;

5 (B) representatives from civil society with relevant expertise in  
6 supply chain traceability, tropical forest sustainability, biodiversity,  
7 climate science, human and labor rights, and indigenous rights. Members  
8 selected pursuant to this clause should be of at least equal number to  
9 members selected pursuant to clause (A) of this subparagraph; and

10 (C) a minimum of two additional representatives from indigenous commu-  
11 nities within the geographic areas containing tropical forests covered  
12 by this subdivision.

13 (ii) Members of the stakeholder advisory group shall receive no sala-  
14 ry, but shall be reimbursed by the office of general services for any  
15 necessary travel expenses related to participating in the stakeholder  
16 advisory group.

17 g. On or before July first, two thousand twenty-four, the office of  
18 general services shall issue regulations for the implementation of this  
19 subdivision. Such regulations shall be developed in consultation with  
20 the stakeholder advisory group established in paragraph f of this subdivi-  
21 vision and the commissioner of the department of environmental conser-  
22 vation. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, all of  
23 the following:

24 (i) A list of tropical forest-risk commodities subject to the require-  
25 ments of this subdivision, including, but not limited to, palm oil, soy,  
26 beef, coffee, cocoa, wood pulp, paper, logs, and lumber. The list shall  
27 be reviewed and updated at least every three years. When evaluating  
28 inclusion of additional commodities in the list, the commissioner of the  
29 office of general services shall consider the impact of the commodity as  
30 a driver of tropical deforestation or tropical primary forest degrada-  
31 tion, the state of existing supply chain transparency and traceability  
32 systems for the commodity, and the feasibility of including the commod-  
33 ity in the requirements of paragraph b of this subdivision. The first  
34 review shall include, but not be limited to evaluation of rubber, leath-  
35 er and other cattle-derived products, and mining products including  
36 coal, iron, copper, gold, tin, diamonds, manganese, bauxite and nickel.

37 (ii) A list of products derived wholly or in part from tropical  
38 forest-risk commodities.

39 (iii) A list of products furnished to the state or used by state  
40 contractors in high-volume purchases that contain or are comprised whol-  
41 ly or in part of tropical forest-risk commodities.

42 (iv) A set of responsible sourcing guidelines and policies derived  
43 from best practices in supply chain transparency to the point-of-origin.

44 (v) Guidance to assist contractors in identifying tropical forest-risk  
45 commodities in their supply chain, performing necessary due diligence to  
46 meet the requirements of this subdivision, and certifying that the  
47 commodity did not contribute to tropical deforestation or tropical  
48 primary forest degradation.

49 (vi) A list of favored suppliers of tropical forest-risk commodities  
50 and products derived therefrom whose products have been determined to  
51 meet the requirements of this subdivision.

52 (vii) The full set of requirements for a large contractor's tropical  
53 forest policy pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph b of this  
54 subdivision.

1 (viii) The process through which contractors shall certify to the  
2 office of general services that they are in compliance with paragraph b  
3 of this subdivision.

4 (ix) A process for ensuring that details of certified contracts are  
5 made available for public inspection on the website of the office of  
6 general services.

7 (x) An easily accessible procedure to receive public complaints and  
8 information regarding violations of this subdivision.

9 h. (i) The certification requirements set forth in this subdivision  
10 shall not apply to a credit card purchase of goods of two thousand five  
11 hundred dollars or less.

12 (ii) The total amount of goods exempted pursuant to subparagraph (i)  
13 of this paragraph shall not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars  
14 per year for each contractor from which a state agency or authority is  
15 purchasing goods by credit card. It shall be the responsibility of each  
16 state agency to monitor the use of this exemption and adhere to these  
17 restrictions on these purchases.

18 i. This subdivision shall apply to all contracts entered into,  
19 extended, or renewed on or after January first, two thousand twenty-  
20 five.

21 j. Commencing two years after the effective date of this subdivision  
22 and biennially thereafter, the commissioner of the office of general  
23 services shall issue a report to the governor, the temporary president  
24 of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, on the implementation of  
25 this subdivision and subdivisions one and two of this section.

26 § 6. The economic development law is amended by adding a new article  
27 to read as follows:

#### 28 ARTICLE 27

#### 29 SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPARENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### 30 Section 490. Definitions.

31 491. The supply chain transparency assistance program.

32 § 490. Definitions. For purposes of this article:

33 1. "Small business" means a small business as defined in section one  
34 hundred thirty-one of this chapter.

35 2. "Medium-sized business" shall mean a business that is resident in  
36 this state, independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field,  
37 and employs between one hundred and five hundred persons.

38 3. "Eligible business" shall mean any small and medium-sized business  
39 as defined in this article, and any minority or women-owned business  
40 enterprise as defined in article fifteen-A of the executive law.

41 4. "Supply chain" shall mean a system of extraction, production,  
42 transportation, and distribution involving multiple processes, organiza-  
43 tions, individuals, and resources, beginning with raw materials and  
44 culminating in the delivery of a product or service to a consumer.

45 § 491. The supply chain transparency assistance program. 1. The  
46 department is hereby authorized and directed, within one year of the  
47 effective date of this article, to establish, develop, implement, and  
48 maintain, within available appropriations, a supply chain transparency  
49 assistance program to assist small and medium-sized businesses and  
50 minority and women-owned businesses in achieving supply chains that are:

51 (a) Transparent, meaning a supply chain for which sufficient informa-  
52 tion has been disclosed regarding all relevant units of production from  
53 the raw material stage to the delivery of a product or service to a  
54 consumer, including, but not limited to, extraction sites, suppliers,  
55 manufacturers, transporters, wholesalers, and retailers, to allow



1 consumers to determine whether the supply chain is ethical and sustaina-  
2 ble.

3 (b) Traceable, meaning a supply chain for which distributors, retail-  
4 ers, and other businesses down the supply chain are able to gather  
5 sufficient and relevant information regarding all units of production  
6 further up the supply chain to determine whether a supply chain is  
7 ethical and sustainable.

8 (c) Ethical, meaning a supply chain that upholds the human rights and  
9 all other legal rights, supports the well-being, and prevents the  
10 exploitation, of workers and communities, and guarantees the free,  
11 prior, and informed consent, land, and other legal rights of affected  
12 indigenous peoples and other local and traditional communities.

13 (d) Sustainable, meaning a supply chain that takes all necessary meas-  
14 ures to avoid, minimize, and reduce degradation of natural environmental  
15 systems, and maximizes efforts to contribute to the restoration and  
16 regeneration of impacted ecosystems.

17 2. The purpose of such program shall be to:

18 (a) Develop and share best practices and provide technical assistance  
19 to help participating eligible businesses develop and implement stand-  
20 ards, plans, and benchmarks for transparency and traceability, environ-  
21 mental sustainability, and ethical practices throughout their supply  
22 chains.

23 (b) Assist participating eligible businesses with compliance with  
24 supply chain related regulations, procurement standards, or contracting  
25 requirements.

26 (c) Identify funding streams, grant monies, financial assistance and  
27 other resources that may be available to help participating eligible  
28 businesses achieve transparent, traceable, ethical, and sustainable  
29 supply chains.

30 (d) Help participating eligible businesses with marketing, communi-  
31 cation, and other activities to achieve maximum competitive advantage  
32 from their transparent, traceable, ethical, and sustainable supply  
33 chains.

34 (e) Conduct market analysis to identify opportunities for participat-  
35 ing eligible businesses to access new markets and increase competitive-  
36 ness through achieving transparent, traceable, ethical, and sustainable  
37 supply chains.

38 (f) Conduct outreach to promote awareness of the program among eligi-  
39 ble businesses, business organizations, and regional and local economic  
40 development agencies.

41 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all  
42 contracts and binding contractual obligations entered into on and after  
43 such effective date.