STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 3, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to excluding the burning of wood for recreation, building heating and cooking from certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rural Energy Freedom Act".

§ 2. Section 75-0109 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the burning of wood for the means of indoor and outdoor recreation, heating buildings and cooking or otherwise preparing food shall be excluded from any prohibitions or restrictions enacted as a result of compliance with the mandates of chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen, inclusive of any recommendations of any of such chapter's derivative bodies.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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