STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 29, 2024

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

AN ACT in relation to directing the department of environmental conservation to develop and implement a tree planting pilot program in the ten zip codes in the state with the highest incidence of asthma; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. Within amounts appropriated therefor, the department of environmental conservation shall develop and implement a tree planting pilot program in the state. The department of environmental conservation shall consult with the department of health to determine the ten zip codes in the state with the highest incidence of asthma. The department of environmental conservation, in consultation with local agencies, shall plant trees in such zip codes to ameliorate the environmental conditions in those areas. Such pilot program shall continue for a period of five years after the effective date of this act. At the end of such period, the department of environmental conservation, in consultation with the department of health, shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on the results of such pilot program and any recommendations for legislative action.

§ 2. The sum of ten million dollars ($10,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental conservation from the general fund, for implementation of the tree planting pilot program required by section one of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2024.

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

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