STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Procurement and Contracts

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to prohibiting the purchase of single-use plastic bottles by the state and any governmental entity or political subdivision or public benefit corporation thereof

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

Section 1. Section 165 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Prohibition on the purchase of single-use plastic bottles.

a. Except as provided in this subdivision, the state and any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation of the state shall not purchase or obtain for any purpose any single-use plastic bottles.

b. This subdivision shall not apply:

(i) when no other alternative is available or practicable;

(ii) when necessary to address health requirements and emergencies; or

(iii) when compliance with this subdivision would conflict with contract requirements in existence as of the effective date of this subdivision.

c. The attorney general shall investigate any violation of this subdivision and provide a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 2. 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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