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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to enacting the "dollars for diesels act" relating to financial incentives for the retirement of certain heavy- and medium-duty diesel-powered vehicles

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "dollars for diesels act".

§ 2. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 19-0333 to read as follows:

§ 19-0333. Dollars for diesels program.

1. Definitions: When used in this section:

a. "Heavy-duty diesel-powered vehicle" means any vehicle powered by diesel fuel having a gross weight of greater than twenty-six thousand pounds.

b. "Medium-duty diesel-powered vehicle" means any vehicle powered by diesel fuel having a gross weight of greater than fourteen thousand pounds but no more than twenty-six thousand pounds.

2. The commissioner, in consultation with the New York state energy research and development authority, shall establish and administer a program to provide financial incentives to owners of heavy- and medium-duty diesel-powered vehicles of a model year two thousand ten or older to retire and replace such vehicles with new heavy- or medium-duty diesel-powered vehicles of model year two thousand twenty-four or newer that meet or exceed the applicable emission standards.

3. For a vehicle to be eligible for the vehicle retirement incentive under this section, such vehicle shall be a heavy-duty diesel-powered

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

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vehicle or a medium-duty diesel-powered vehicle, and shall have been registered in the state of New York for at least three consecutive years preceding the model year of the replacement vehicle. Registration shall be continuous and active, with the vehicle in operable condition and part of a functioning fleet.

4. Incentives may include direct cash payments, grants, or vouchers payable upon proof of vehicle retirement and replacement as specified by the department and the New York state energy research and development authority.

5. The program shall utilize existing state and federal funds allocated to the department and the New York state energy research and development authority for diesel emissions reduction and clean transportation initiatives.

6. The commissioner and the New York state energy research and development authority shall promulgate regulations or guidelines as necessary to implement this section, including eligibility criteria, funding amounts, and program administration.

7. The commissioner shall report annually to the governor and the legislature on program outcomes.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.