

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known
and may be cited as
2 the "dollars for diesels act".
3 § 2. The environmental conservation law is
amended by adding a new
4 section 19-0333 to read as follows:

5 § 19-0333. Dollars for diesels program.
6 1. Definitions: When used in this section:
7 a. "Heavy-duty diesel-powered vehicle" means any
8 vehicle powered by
9 diesel fuel having a gross weight of greater
10 than twenty-six thousand
11 pounds.
12 b. "Medium-duty diesel-powered vehicle" means any
13 vehicle powered by
14 diesel fuel having a gross weight of greater
15 than fourteen thousand
16 pounds but no more than twenty-six thousand pounds.
17 2. The commissioner, in consultation with the New
18 York state energy
19 research and development authority, shall
20 establish and administer a
21 program to provide financial incentives to owners
22 of heavy- and medium-
23 duty diesel-powered vehicles of a model year two
24 thousand ten or older
25 to retire and replace such vehicles with new heavy-
26 or medium-duty dies-
27 el-powered vehicles of model year two thousand
28 twenty-four or newer that
29 meet or exceed the applicable emission standards.
30 3. For a vehicle to be eligible for the vehicle
31 retirement incentive
32 under this section, such vehicle shall be a
33 heavy-duty diesel-powered
34 vehicle or a medium-duty diesel-powered vehicle,
35 and shall have been
36 registered in the state of New York for at least
37 three consecutive years
38 preceding the model year of the replacement
39 vehicle. Registration shall

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets

[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

1 be continuous and active, with the vehicle in
operable condition and
2 part of a functioning fleet.

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

7 5. The program shall utilize existing state
and federal funds allo-
8 cated to the department and the New York state
energy research and
9 development authority for diesel emissions
reduction and clean transpor-
10 tation initiatives.

11 6. The commissioner and the New York state
energy research and devel-
12 opment authority shall promulgate regulations or
guidelines as necessary
13 to implement this section, including
eligibility criteria, funding
14 amounts, and program administration.

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

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.