



A. 11245/S. 9106 (Peoples-Stokes/O'Mara)

Paint Stewardship Program

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing a postconsumer paint collection program

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 11245/S. 9106 (Peoples-Stokes/O'Mara), which would divert hazardous paint waste from the state's landfills and ease a financial burden on localities who are responsible for proper paint disposal.

Product stewardship laws create safe and environmentally-friendly processes to dispose of or recycle hazardous products such as batteries, electronics, and pharmaceuticals. Often these laws call on product manufacturers, retailers, and users to take responsibility for the product's safe disposal. Recently, eight states (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont) and the District of Columbia adopted paint stewardship laws to ensure the environmentally-safe disposal, or recycling of paint products.

A. 11245/S. 9106 would require collection, recycling and proper disposal of leftover architectural paint under a program administered by paint manufacturers and overseen by the Department of Environmental Conservation. It would reduce or eliminate a potentially hazardous substance from improper disposal in landfills, save local governments money, and protect the health of sanitation workers.

The New York League of Conservation Voters therefore supports this legislation and urges its passage.

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