



SUPPORT

A. 7290/S. 3321-A (Englebright/Kaminsky)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to bio heating fuel requirements.

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 7290/S. 3321-A (Englebright/Kaminsky), which would require all heating oil sold for any use in New York State to be bioheating fuel that contains at least 5% biodiesel and/or renewable hydrocarbon diesel by July 2022, 10% by July 2025, and 20% by July 2030.

New York is the largest user of home heating oil in the country. The greenhouse gas emissions from home heating oil contribute to climate change, while particulate matter emissions from heating oil harm public health, especially respiratory and cardiac health. The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act requires New York to decarbonize building heating and cooling by 2050. Doing so will be a lengthy and expensive process, and we are likely to continue using large amounts of heating oil in the medium term.

Biofuel blends mix conventional heating oil with fuel made from renewable sources. These sources of renewable biomass can come from plant material, algae, animal waste, or, most often, recycled kitchen oils. Biodiesel and renewable hydrocarbon diesel in heating oil reduce greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions without requiring any changes or modifications to existing furnaces. By requiring steadily increasing biofuel blends in home heating oil, A. 7290/S. 3321-A would reduce emissions and improve public health immediately, even as we work toward the longer term goal of completely decarbonizing building heating and cooling.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 7290/S. 3321-A.

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