



# SUPPORT

## **S. 543/A. 5082 (Kaminsky/Englebright)**

*AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law and the state finance law, in relation to restricting hotels from making available to hotel guests small bottle personal care products*

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 543/A. 5082 (Kaminsky/Englebright), which would ban hotels from providing guests with small plastic bottles containing personal care products.

Single-use and limited-use plastic containers are tremendously wasteful. They are carbon-intensive to produce, difficult to recycle, and are often disposed of before the end of their already limited useful lifetime. Small containers of personal care products, such as hotel shampoos and hand lotions, are a prime example of this waste. A customer staying at a hotel for one night might use a small shampoo bottle once before it is thrown in the trash, still mostly full, where it will then take centuries to decompose in a landfill. Bulk dispensers of personal care products are much more environmentally friendly and more economical for hotels.

S. 543/A. 5082 would ban bottles of personal care products smaller than twelve ounces from hotels with more than 50 rooms beginning in 2023 and from hotels with fewer than 50 rooms beginning in 2024. This would prevent hundreds of thousands of small plastic bottles sent to landfills every year and help New York reach sustainable waste management goals.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters urges passage of S. 543/A. 5082.

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