

S. 6829-B/A. 8829-A (Kaminsky/Englebright)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting certain uses of trichloroethylene

The New York League of Conservation (NYLCV) supports the passage of S. 6829-B/A. 8829-A (Kaminsky/Englebright), which would ban certain uses of the harmful chemical trichloroethylene (TCE).

NYLCV supports regulating TCE in order to protect public health and to protect water, land, and air resources. This bill would prohibit the use of TCE as a vapor degreaser, an intermediate chemical to produce other chemicals, a refrigerant or an extraction solvent or in any other manufacturing or cleaning process.

TCE is a highly toxic carcinogen that interferes with normal early-life development and the immune system, and is associated with neurological damage. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified TCE as one of the most frequently detected volatile organic chemicals found in groundwater.

S. 6829-B/A. 8829-A would ban many uses of TCE to protect public health and environmental resources. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 6829-B/A. 8829-A.

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