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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to indoor air quality in ice skating rinks

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 225 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 13 to read as follows:

13. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR SAFE AND APPROPRIATE INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN ICE SKATING RINKS THAT UTILIZE ICE RESURFACING EQUIPMENT POWERED BY COMBUSTIBLE FUELS WHICH PRODUCE CARBON MONOXIDE, NITROGEN DIOXIDE AND/OR PARTICULATE MATTER. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO: (A) SPECIFICATION OF LEVELS OF AIR CONTAMINANTS THAT, IF EQUALED OR EXCEEDED, SHALL REQUIRE (I) NOTIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND/OR LOCAL OFFICIALS; (II) IMPLEMENTATION OF REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH; AND (III) IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF THE ICE SKATING RINK; (B) PROCEDURES FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ICE RESURFACING EQUIPMENT IN A MANNER THAT MINIMIZES EMISSIONS OF AIR CONTAMINANTS; (C) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADEQUATE VENTILATION; (D) REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND FOR SUCH OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR SAMPLING AND MONITORING OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN INDOOR SKATING RINKS AS SUCH COUNCIL DEEMS APPROPRIATE; (E) REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING OF OPERATORS AND STAFF OF SUCH RINKS IN IDENTIFICATION OF SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE LEVELS OF AIR CONTAMINANTS; AND (F) SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECURITY OF LIFE OR HEALTH.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the public health and health planning council and the department of health shall be immediately authorized and directed to promulgate any rules and regulations and take any other actions necessary for implementation of the provisions of this act on its effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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