

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 5, 2018

Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to installing Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs at all state-managed parks

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that the  
2 number of Lyme disease and tick-borne related diseases in New York state  
3 is increasing every day with certain areas of the state having some of  
4 the highest numbers of reported incidents in the United States. Proper  
5 notification through the use of signs warning of the prevalence of ticks  
6 in the area and the potential for tick transmitted diseases is imper-  
7 ative to help combat this growing problem.

8 § 2. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by  
9 adding a new section 13.28 to read as follows:

10 § 13.28 Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs. The office shall  
11 install and maintain signs at all state-managed parks, including, but  
12 not limited to, trail entryways and campgrounds, warning individuals  
13 that ticks may be found in such areas and may result in Lyme disease or  
14 other tick-borne diseases. Such office may use models already in use  
15 throughout the state when determining the design for such signage. For  
16 the purposes of this subdivision, "trail" shall include footpaths, bike  
17 ways, snowmobile trails, horse trails, cross country ski trails, roads  
18 and other rights-of-way suitable for hiking, strolling, cycling, horse-  
19 back riding, skiing and other means of motorized and non-motorized trav-  
20 el for recreational purposes and shall include combinations and systems  
21 of trails, including connecting and side trails, and trails leading to  
22 scenic and recreational areas located within and maintained by the  
23 state.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
25 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the  
26 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
27 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
28 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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