

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SCHIAVONI -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to tick-borne disease  
prevention grants

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

1 Section 1. Section 2798 of the public health law, as added by chapter  
2 550 of the laws of 1988, the opening paragraph as amended by section 35  
3 of part A of chapter 58 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 § 2798. Powers and duties. The tick-borne disease institute estab-  
6 lished by section twenty-seven hundred ninety-seven of this article  
7 shall have the following powers and duties:

8 1. to develop and promote investigations into the cause, prevention,  
9 detection, spread, methods of treatment, and cure of tick-borne  
10 diseases; ~~and~~

11 2. to develop and promote an outreach campaign directed toward target-  
12 ed high-risk populations to provide coordinated information regarding  
13 the cause, prevention, detection, and treatment of tick-borne  
14 disease~~[-]~~; and

15 3. to provide grants for purposes of tick-borne disease prevention  
16 pursuant to section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine of this article.

17 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2799 to  
18 read as follows:

19 § 2799. Tick-borne disease prevention grants. 1. The commissioner, in  
20 consultation with the department of environmental conservation and the  
21 department of parks, recreation and historic preservation, is hereby  
22 authorized to make grants within the amounts appropriated for purposes  
23 of preventing transmission of tick-borne diseases on public land  
24 frequented by humans, including but not limited to state parks or  
25 trails.

26 2. The commissioner shall give notice and provide opportunity to  
27 submit applications for grants under this section. In order to be  
28 considered for such grants, applicants shall demonstrate evidence of:

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

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1 (a) effectiveness in reducing prevalence and spread of tick-borne  
2 diseases;

3 (b) human and animal safety, as evidenced by clinical documentation;

4 (c) minimal invasiveness in the natural environment; and

5 (d) cost effectiveness.

6 3. The commissioner shall annually submit a report to the governor,  
7 the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the  
8 senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leader of the  
9 assembly, regarding the performance of programs funded by grants made  
10 pursuant to this section. Such reports shall also be made publicly  
11 available on the department's website.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.