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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the New York state department of health to develop and post signage describing the importance of hand hygiene in all restrooms, gymnasiums and locker rooms located in public and private schools

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

Section 1. Article 13 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 8-A to read as follows:

TITLE VIII-A

HAND HYGIENE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

SECTION 1358. HAND HYGIENE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

S 1358. HAND HYGIENE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS (A) ESTABLISHING SIGNAGE OUTLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF HAND HYGIENE GUIDELINES FOR THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND (B) PROVIDING FOR SUCH SIGNAGE TO BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE OR PLACES INSIDE THE RESTROOMS, GYMNASIUMS AND LOCKER ROOMS OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

2. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE CLEAR AND CONCISE LANGUAGE IN AT LEAST TWELVE POINT BOLDFACE TYPE OUTLINING THE GUIDELINES FOR HAND SANITIZATION AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN REDUCING THE OUTBREAK AND TRANSMISSION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized 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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