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A. ALESSI, RAMOS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Envi-  
ronmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to  
uniform procedures

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 70-0107 of the environmental  
2     conservation law, as added by chapter 723 of the laws of 1977, is  
3     amended to read as follows:  
4     1. The department, after public hearing, shall adopt rules and regu-  
5     lations to assure the efficient and expeditious administration of this  
6     article. Such rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to  
7     provisions regarding notice, review, public participation and public  
8     hearings. IN ADDITION TO BEING PLACED IN A PUBLICATION OF GENERAL CIRCU-  
9     LATION IN THE COUNTY OR BOROUGH IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS LOCATED, OR IN  
10    MORE THAN ONE PUBLICATION IF APPROPRIATE, WHERE ONE OR MORE PUBLICATIONS  
11    OF LESS THAN COUNTY-WIDE CIRCULATION EXIST IN THE PROJECT AREA NOTICE  
12    SHALL BE PLACED IN AT LEAST ONE SUCH PUBLICATION, AND IN A PROJECT AREA  
13    WHERE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE OF THE POPULATION IS NON-ENGLISH  
14    SPEAKING, NOTICE SHALL ALSO BE PLACED IN AT LEAST ONE PUBLICATION WHICH  
15    IS WIDELY CIRCULATED IN THE AREA PRINTED IN SUCH LANGUAGE.  
16    S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 70-0109 of the environ-  
17    mental conservation law, as added by chapter 723 of the laws of 1977, is  
18    amended to read as follows:  
19    (a) On or before fifteen calendar days after the receipt of an appli-  
20    cation for a permit which has been filed in a manner and in a form  
21    prescribed by the department, the department shall mail written notice  
22    to the applicant of its determination whether or not the application is

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

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1 complete AND SHALL PUBLISH A LISTING IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE BULLE-  
2 TIN THAT SUCH APPLICATION, WHETHER OR NOT COMPLETE, HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

3 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 70-0109 of the environmental conserva-  
4 tion law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

5 (F) A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, UPON REQUEST IN WRITING, SHALL BE (I)  
6 GIVEN ACCESS TO ALL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE DEPART-  
7 MENT EXCEPT FOR TRADE SECRETS OR MATERIAL MAINTAINED FOR THE REGULATION  
8 OF COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE WHICH IF DISCLOSED WOULD CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL  
9 INJURY TO THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF THE APPLICANT, AND (II) INFORMED  
10 ABOUT PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCES OR MEETINGS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND  
11 ANY APPLICANT AND MAY ATTEND WITHOUT PARTICIPATING IN THOSE IN WHICH HE  
12 OR SHE HAS AN INTEREST.

13 S 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 70-0109 of the environ-  
14 mental conservation law, as amended by chapter 285 of the laws of 1990,  
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 (a) Immediately upon determining that an application is complete, the  
17 department shall cause a notice of application to be published in the  
18 next available environmental notice bulletin which shall be not later  
19 than ten calendar days after the date of such determination and not less  
20 than once during the fifteen calendar day period following such determi-  
21 nation in a newspaper having general circulation in the area in which  
22 the project is proposed to be located, and shall provide notice to the  
23 chief executive officer of each municipality in which the proposed  
24 project is located, and may direct the applicant to provide such reason-  
25 able notice and opportunity for comment to the public as the department  
26 deems appropriate. IN NO CASE SHALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BE LESS  
27 THAN TWENTY DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION, OR FORTY-FIVE DAYS IF A  
28 LEGISLATIVE HEARING OR PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED. IF NO HEARING IS  
29 SCHEDULED AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD  
30 THAT A LEGISLATIVE OR PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD, THE COMMENT PERIOD SHALL  
31 BE EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE  
32 ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE BULLETIN OF NOTICE THAT SUCH A REQUEST HAS BEEN  
33 MADE. Newspaper publications shall be provided by the applicant.

34 S 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
35 have become a law.