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Introduced by Sen. DILAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the department of health to implement a drinking water information program designed to provide the public with access to information and reports concerning the state's public drinking water systems and to participate in the federal water watch program

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2     1152-b to read as follows:  
3     S 1152-B. WATER WATCH PROGRAM. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP AND  
4     IMPLEMENT A DRINKING WATER INFORMATION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE  
5     PUBLIC WITH ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND REPORTS CONCERNING THE STATE'S  
6     PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BASIC  
7     SYSTEM INFORMATION, INCLUDING SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, NAME AND  
8     TYPE; THE RESULTS OF COLIFORM AND CHEMICAL TESTING; CONTAMINANT CONCENTRATIONS;  
9     DEPARTMENT CONTACTS; PUBLIC NOTICES; VIOLATIONS; AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS  
10    TAKEN BY THE STATE. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE COMPILED FROM  
11    THE MOST RECENT REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE  
12    TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH A LINK CONSPICUOUSLY NOTED ON THE  
13    DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. INFORMATION SHALL BE UPDATED REGULARLY TO REFLECT  
14    ANY CHANGES IN INFORMATION CONCERNING ONE OR MORE PUBLIC DRINKING WATER  
15    SYSTEMS AND TO REFLECT THE MOST RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING ONE OR MORE  
16    DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS.  
17    2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
18    PROTECTION AGENCY TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
19    THROUGH THE DRINKING WATER INFORMATION PROGRAM WEBSITE MAY BE ACCESSED  
20    THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S "DRINKING  
21    WATER WATCH" WEBSITE.  
22    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding  
23    the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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