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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the safe handling by workers of pressure-treated wood

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

Section 1. Article 27 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new title 29 to read as follows:

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15 16 TITLE 29

WORKERS SAFE HANDLING OF TREATED WOOD ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 27-2901. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING SAFE HANDLING AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

- S 27-2901. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING SAFE HANDLING AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES.
- 1. ANY PERSON WHO EMPLOYS A WORKER WHO COMES INTO OCCUPATIONAL CONTACT WITH PRESSURE-TREATED WOOD MARINE PILING SHALL REQUIRE THAT ALL SUCH 11 WORKERS ON THE WORKSITE COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE PRECAUTIONARY MEAS-URES, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS, AND SAFE 12 HANDLING AND USE PROCEDURES, SET FORTH ON THE: (I) SUPPLIER MATERIAL 13 14 SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS) ACCOMPANYING PRESSURE-TREATED MARINE PILING, OR AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY ANY OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATION; AND (II) CONSUMER INFORMATION SHEET APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY 17 HANDLING AND USE OF PRESSURE-TREATED WOOD PRODUCTS. THE 18 AND PROPER EMPLOYER SHALL POST A SIGN IN CONSPICUOUS VIEW AT OR NEAR THE 19 20 WHICH STATES THE SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTION PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO BE 21 FOLLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION.
- 22 2. ANY WORKER WHO COMES INTO OCCUPATIONAL CONTACT WITH PRESSURE-TREAT-23 ED MARINE PILING SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE PRECAUTIONARY MEAS-

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

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1 URES, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS AND SAFE 2 HANDLING AND USE PROCEDURES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS 3 SECTION.

S 2. Article 71 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new title 28 to read as follows:

TITLE 28

ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 29 OF ARTICLE 27

SECTION 71-2801. APPLICABILITY OF THIS TITLE.

71-2803. ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 29 OF ARTICLE 27.

S 71-2801. APPLICABILITY OF THIS TITLE.

11 IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 71-0101 AND 71-0301 OF THIS 12 ARTICLE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL APPLY TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF 13 TITLE 29 OF ARTICLE 27 OF THIS CHAPTER.

14 S 71-2803. ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 29 OF ARTICLE 27.

15 FOR ANY FIRST VIOLATION BY ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF, OR WHO FAILS TO PERFORM ANY DUTY IMPOSED BY TITLE 29 OF 16 17 ARTICLE 27 OR ANY REGULATION PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO SUCH TITLE 29, IN LIEU OF A PENALTY, THERE SHALL BE ISSUED A WRITTEN 18 19 WARNING BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THERE SHALL ALSO BE ISSUED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS 20 21 OF SUCH TITLE 29. SUCH PERSON SHALL, HOWEVER, FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION THEREAFTER, BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH SUCH VIOLATION AND AN ADDITIONAL 23 24 PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY DURING WHICH 25 SUCH VIOLATION CONTINUES AND, IN ADDITION THERETO, SUCH PERSON MAY BE ENJOINED FROM CONTINUING SUCH VIOLATION. PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF 26 27 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE SHALL BE RECOVERABLE IN AN ACTION BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER. 28

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.