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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 CONCEN-
9 TRATIONS; DEPARTMENT CONTACTS; PUBLIC NOTICES; VIOLATIONS; AND ENFORCE-
10 MENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE STATE. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE COMPILED FROM
11 THE MOST RECENT REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL BE ACCES-
12 SIBLE 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 ENVIRON-
18 MENTAL 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 succeed-
23 ing 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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