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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to permits for public supply wells accessing a sole source aquifer in counties with two million or more residents

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 15-1527 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. a. In any county with two million or more residents the department shall require a new permit application, rather than an application for a permit renewal for a public supply well that accesses a sole source aquifer. Before any permit for a public supply well that accesses a sole source aquifer in a county with two million or more residents is issued the department shall conduct a tracking analysis and develop a susceptibility screening tool for all known contaminants and emerging contaminants. The department shall not issue any permit for public supply wells in a county with two million or more residents accessing a sole source aquifer until completion of phase one of the comprehensive Long Island groundwater study.

b. In the event of an emergency that threatens human health and safety the department may issue a temporary emergency permit for a public supply well accessing a sole source aquifer in a county with two million or more residents. The department shall act on the emergency permit request within seventy-two hours. Temporary emergency permits shall be valid for six months and only two such permits may be issued before a state environmental quality review must be completed pursuant to article eight of this chapter and its implementing regulations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that 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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