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Introduced by M. of A. BARRETT, HUNTER, GOTTFRIED, MAGEE, THIELE, McDONALD, LUPARDO, LIFTON, O'DONNELL, SKARTADOS, JONES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to installing Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs at all state-managed parks

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that the number of Lyme disease and tick-borne related diseases in New York state is increasing every day with certain areas of the state having some of the highest numbers of reported incidents in the United States. Proper notification through the use of signs warning of the prevalence of ticks in the area and the potential for tick transmitted diseases is imperative to help combat this growing problem.

§ 2. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding a new section 13.28 to read as follows:

§ 13.28 Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs. The office shall install and maintain signs at all state-managed parks, including, but not limited to, trail entryways and campgrounds, warning individuals that ticks may be found in such areas and may result in Lyme disease or other tick-borne diseases. Such office may use models already in use throughout the state when determining the design for such signage. For the purposes of this subdivision, "trail" shall include footpaths, bike ways, snowmobile trails, horse trails, cross country ski trails, roads and other rights-of-way suitable for hiking, strolling, cycling, horseback riding, skiing and other means of motorized and non-motorized travel for recreational purposes and shall include combinations and systems of trails, including connecting and side trails, and trails leading to

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

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scenic and recreational areas located within and maintained by the state.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; 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.