AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to guidelines for best practices in treating residential properties for integrated pest management.

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

Section 1. Section 33-0303 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. The commissioner shall develop guidelines for best practices in treating residential properties for integrated pest management to assist in the prevention of ticks that contribute to tick-borne infections. Such guidelines shall include but not be limited to the use of landscape techniques, methods to discourage rodent activity and effective pesticide applications. The guidelines shall be available on the department's website and shall be reviewed and revised annually with current best practices.

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

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