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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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law and the environmental conservation law, in relation to installing Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs at certain state-managed parks and state-owned lands under the jurisdiction of the department of environmental conservation

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

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

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

10 § 13.28 Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs. The office, after  
11 consulting with the department of health to review tick-borne illness  
12 surveillance data, shall install and maintain signs at all state-owned  
13 parks, under the jurisdiction of the office identified in health  
14 surveillance data, including, but not limited to, trails as defined in  
15 subdivision seven-a of section 3.09 of this chapter and campgrounds,  
16 warning individuals that ticks may be found in such areas and that  
17 contact with ticks may result in Lyme disease or other tick-borne

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

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1 diseases. Sign design shall maximize public awareness, education and  
2 disease prevention measures. Sign placement shall prioritize entrance  
3 points most often accessed by individuals and shall be clearly visible.

4 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 3-0301 of the environmental conservation  
5 law is amended by adding a new paragraph (ii) to read as follows:

6 (ii) The department, after consulting with the department of health to  
7 review tick-borne illness surveillance data, shall install and maintain  
8 signs on state-owned lands under the jurisdiction of the department  
9 identified in health surveillance data, including, but not limited to,  
10 unique areas, wildlife management areas, trails as defined in subdivi-  
11 sion seven-a of section 9-0105 of this chapter, trail entryways and  
12 campgrounds, warning individuals that ticks may be found in such areas  
13 and that contact with ticks may result in Lyme disease or other tick-  
14 borne diseases. Sign design shall maximize public awareness, education  
15 and disease prevention measures. Sign placement shall prioritize  
16 entrance points most often accessed by individuals and shall be clearly  
17 visible.

18 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
19 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the  
20 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
21 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
22 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.