STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DeSTEFANO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring local health departments to notify volunteer fire companies upon detecting radiation

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

Section 1. Article 13 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 12-B to read as follows:

TITLE 12-B

NOTIFICATION TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OF THE DETECTION OF RADIATION

Section 1389-h. Notification to volunteer fire companies of the detection of radiation.

§ 1389-h. Notification to volunteer fire companies of the detection of radiation. County departments of health, local boards of health and any other office of a municipality as defined by this chapter shall provide notice to any fire company, as defined by subdivision two of section one hundred of the general municipal law, serving any location, facility, site, building or residence, where such entity finds traces of radiation. Such notice, shall be provided within five days of such finding, shall contain specific details of radioactive samples found, including level of radiation and level of public health threat, and shall contain any recommendations for dealing with the radioactive materials in a safe and sufficient manner during firefighting operations. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that the commissioner of health is authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement this act on or before its effective date.

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

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