

STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

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:

1 Section 1. Section 13.28 of the parks, recreation and historic preser-
2 vation law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2018, amending the
3 parks, recreation and historic preservation law relating to installing
4 Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs at all state-managed parks, as
5 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7242 and A. 8829, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 § 13.28 Lyme and tick-borne disease warning signs. Within one hundred
8 twenty days of the effective date of this section, the office shall
9 perform an assessment of state parks, including trails, to determine
10 where it is appropriate to install signage to warn park users of possi-
11 ble Lyme and tick-borne infections. The assessment shall include, but
12 shall not be limited to, considerations related to the installation of
13 signage in areas of new or increased contact with ticks reported to the
14 office, and, in consultation with the state department of health, an
15 evaluation of any relevant data on tick-borne diseases. Such assessment
16 shall be updated every three years, or earlier as deemed necessary by
17 the office and a summary of such assessment shall, within sixty days of
18 completion, be posted by the office on its website. The office shall
19 thereafter install and maintain signs at all state-managed parks,
20 including, but not limited to, trail entryways and campgrounds, as
21 necessary based on such assessment, warning individuals that ticks may
22 be found in such areas and may result in Lyme disease or other tick-
23 borne diseases. Such office may use models already in use throughout the
24 state when determining the design for such signage. For the purposes of

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

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1 this [~~subdivision~~] section, "trail" shall include footpaths, bike ways,
2 snowmobile trails, horse trails, cross country ski trails, roads and
3 other rights-of-way suitable for hiking, strolling, cycling, horseback
4 riding, skiing and other means of motorized and non-motorized travel for
5 recreational purposes and shall include combinations and systems of
6 trails, including connecting and side trails, and trails leading to
7 scenic and recreational areas located within and maintained by the
8 [~~state~~] office.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
10 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2018, amending the parks, recreation
11 and historic preservation law relating to installing Lyme and tick-borne
12 disease warning signs at all state-managed parks, as proposed in legis-
13 lative bills numbers S. 7242 and A. 8829, takes effect.