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

AN ACT to establish a pilot program related to making the gluten content of food available at certain state owned, operated, or leased cafeterias; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of the office of general services shall identify four state owned buildings, facilities, or complexes where food and beverages are offered for sale to the general public or government employees in a cafeteria setting which are operated or leased by the state, for inclusion in a gluten content pilot program. One state owned building, facility, or complex for such pilot program shall be located in each of the following cities: Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, and New York City. The commissioner shall ensure that the cafeterias contained within the identified buildings, facilities, or complexes have an employee available during the hours of operation that can accurately identify upon request whether a food or beverage item offered is gluten-free. For the purposes of this section, the term "gluten-free" shall include food or beverage that is consistent with the Food and Drug Administration's final rule to define the term "gluten-free" for voluntary use in the labeling of food.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law, and shall expire and be deemed repealed three years after such date.

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

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