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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, 1 2 the commissioner of the office of general services shall identify four 3 state owned buildings, facilities, or complexes where food and beverages are offered for sale to the general public or government employees in a 4 5 cafeteria setting which are operated or leased by the state, for inclusion in a gluten content pilot program. One state owned building, facilб 7 ity, or complex for such pilot program shall be located in each of the 8 following cities: Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, and New York City. The commissioner shall ensure that the cafeterias contained within the iden-9 10 tified buildings, facilities, or complexes have an employee available 11 during the hours of operation that can accurately identify upon request 12 whether a food or beverage item offered is gluten-free. For the purposes 13 of this section, the term "gluten-free" shall include food or beverage 14 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. 15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after 16 17 it shall have become a law, and shall expire and be deemed repealed 18 three years after such date.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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