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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to creating a program to assist lake associations with water quality improvement

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

- 1 Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a 2 new section 15-0519 to read as follows:
- § 15-0519. Water quality improvement; lake associations.
- 1. Subject to an appropriation for such purpose, the department shall, in consultation with the environmental facilities corporation, create a program to assist lake associations with water quality improvement. The program shall, at the request of a lake association:
- 8 <u>a. identify any water quality concerns at a water body managed by a</u>
 9 <u>lake association;</u>
- 10 <u>b. determine the most effective way to remediate any water quality</u>
 11 <u>concerns; and</u>
- 12 <u>c. assist with determining best practices to improve and maintain</u> 13 <u>water quality at lake associations.</u>
- 2. The department shall establish a grant program to assist with remedial actions to address the water quality at lake associations.
- 3. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.
- 18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after 19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
- 20 ment, and/or repeal of any rules and regulations necessary to implement
- 21 the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized and

22 directed to be completed on or before such effective date.

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

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