

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 15, 2023

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to creating a program to assist local municipalities with water quality improvement of water bodies managed by lake associations

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:

3 § 15-0519. Water quality improvement; lake associations.

4 1. Subject to an appropriation for such purpose, the department shall,  
5 in consultation with the environmental facilities corporation, create a  
6 program to assist municipalities to improve the water quality in water  
7 bodies managed by lake associations located within such municipality.  
8 The program shall, in cooperation with municipalities at the request of  
9 the lake association:

10 a. identify any water quality concerns at a water body managed by a  
11 lake association within the municipality;

12 b. determine the most effective way to remediate any water quality  
13 concerns; and

14 c. assist with determining best practices to improve and maintain  
15 water quality of water bodies managed by lake associations within the  
16 municipality.

17 2. The department shall establish a grant program to assist munici-  
18 palities with remedial actions to address the water quality of water  
19 bodies within the municipality managed by lake associations.

20 3. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to  
21 implement this section.

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

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
2 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
3 ment, and/or repeal of any rules and regulations necessary to implement  
4 the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized to be  
5 made and completed on or before such effective date.