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IN SENATE

March 17, 2023

Introduced by Sens. MANNION, KENNEDY, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to education and outreach programs on the dangers of fatal and non-fatal drowning

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (s) to read as follows:

(s) Promoting public awareness of the dangers of fatal and non-fatal drowning, including but not limited to the unique risk factors and exposures associated with infant and early drowning, childhood and teenage drowning and adult drowning, the disparate risk of drowning in disadvantaged communities identified pursuant to section 75-0111 of the environmental conservation law and with individuals with a mental disability as defined by subdivision three of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law, and methods to reduce the risks of drowning, including but not limited to water safety instruction, swim lessons, and awareness of water based risks.

§ 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2025. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and 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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