

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the minimum age for lifeguards

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

1 Section 1. Section 225 of the public health law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 5-d to read as follows:

3 5-d. The state sanitary code shall:

4 (a) require that all lifeguards employed at children's overnight,
5 summer day, and travelling summer day camps as defined in section thir-
6 teen hundred ninety-two of this chapter, meet the following qualifica-
7 tions:

8 (i) be at least seventeen years of age, except:

9 (A) a maximum of fifty percent of the required total number of life-
10 guards on duty may be at least fifteen years of age provided they are
11 under the supervision of a camp aquatics director as required by part
12 seven of the state sanitary code; and

13 (B) lifeguards required for wilderness swimming must be at least eigh-
14 teen years of age; and

15 (ii) meet lifeguarding, first aid and CPR certification requirements
16 for minimum lifeguard supervision levels as required in parts six and
17 seven of the state sanitary code; and

18 (b) require all qualified lifeguards while on duty at the waterfront
19 to not be engaged in duties or activities which distract them from the
20 direct supervision of the waterfront.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
22 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
23 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
24 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
25 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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