STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 3, 2024

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 including the Asian longhorned tick and the lone star tick on the invasive species list

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 9-1713 to read as follows:

§ 9-1713. Asian longhorned tick and lone star tick.

The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of agriculture and markets, shall add the Asian longhorned tick and the lone star tick to the state invasive species list and include the Asian longhorned tick and the lone star tick in the comprehensive plan for invasive species management pursuant to section 9-1705 of this title, and wherever practical, prohibit and actively eliminate or otherwise control the invasive species the Asian longhorned tick and the lone star tick at project sites funded or regulated by the state in collaboration with the council, aid in the review and reform of relevant regulatory processes to remove unnecessary impediments to the restoration of invaded ecosystems, and include information on the Asian longhorned tick and the lone star tick on statewide databases and clearinghouses that incorporate existing data from agencies and organizations in the state, as well as from nearby states, provinces, Canada, and the federal government.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. 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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