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Introduced by Sens. GIANARIS, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, JACKSON, KAVANAGH, LIU, MAY, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to potable water testing at state and local parks

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 1110-a to read as follows:

3 § 1110-a. Park potable water testing and standards. 1. The person,
4 officer, board or commission having the management and control of the
5 potable water supply of any state or local park shall conduct periodic
6 first-drawn tap testing of potable water systems to monitor for lead
7 contamination in each park under their jurisdiction as required by regu-
8 lations promulgated pursuant to this section. The testing shall be
9 conducted and the results analyzed by an entity or entities approved by
10 the commissioner. Such periodic first-drawn tap testing shall occur at
11 least once every three years.

12 2. Where a finding of lead contamination is made, the person, officer,
13 board or commission having the management and control of the potable
14 water supply of such park shall: (a) continue first-drawn tap water
15 testing pursuant to regulations promulgated pursuant to this section;
16 (b) provide park visitors with an adequate supply of safe, potable water
17 for drinking as required by rules and regulations of the department
18 until future tests indicate lead levels pursuant to regulations promul-
19 gated pursuant to this section; (c) conspicuously post warnings to park
20 visitors the form and content of such warnings to be promulgated by the
21 commissioner, as well as posting such warnings and test results on the
22 park's website; (d) notwithstanding any provision of law to the contra-
23 ry, abate such contamination within ninety days; and (e) immediately
24 transmit a copy of the results of all such testing, including laboratory

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

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1 reports, and any lead remediation plans to the commissioner of parks,
2 recreation and historic preservation in a format to be determined by
3 such commissioner.

4 3. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of parks,
5 recreation and historic preservation, shall promulgate regulations to
6 carry out the provisions of this section, provided that such regulations
7 shall include that lead action levels are exceeded if the concentration
8 of lead is greater than 0.005 milligrams per liter.

9 4. The commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation
10 shall make a copy of the results of all such testing and any lead reme-
11 diation plans available to the public on the office of parks, recreation
12 and historic preservation's website and any additional means as chosen
13 by such commissioner. A copy of the results of all testing shall also be
14 immediately transmitted to the department in a format to be determined
15 by the commissioner. The commissioner of parks, recreation and historic
16 preservation, in conjunction with the commissioner, shall publish a
17 report biennially based on the findings from the tap water testing
18 conducted according to the provisions of this section. Such report shall
19 be sent to the commissioner, the governor, the temporary president of
20 the senate, and the speaker of the assembly and shall be made available
21 on the department's and office of parks, recreation and historic preser-
22 vation's websites.

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