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Introduced by Sens. MAY, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, BRISPORT, CLEARE, HARCKHAM, KAVANAGH, KRUEGER, MAYER, MYRIE, PALUMBO, RAMOS, SALAZAR, SERRANO, SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to including stormwater in the definition of sewage for purposes of certain water, sewer, and water and sewer authorities

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 12 of section 1045-b of the public authorities  
2 law, as added by chapter 513 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 12. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
5 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
6 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
7 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
8 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
9 title.

10 § 2. Subdivisions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of section 1045-b of the  
11 public authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22  
12 and a new subdivision 17 is added to read as follows:

13 17. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
14 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
15 soil or other surface.

16 § 3. Subdivision 19 of section 1115-a of the public authorities law,  
17 as amended by chapter 403 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as  
18 follows:

19 19. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
20 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
21 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface

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

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1 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
2 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
3 title.

4 § 4. Subdivisions 24, 25 and 26 of section 1115-a of the public  
5 authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 25, 26 and 27 and a new  
6 subdivision 24 is added to read as follows:

7 24. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
8 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
9 soil or other surface.

10 § 5. Subdivision 17 of section 1122 of the public authorities law, as  
11 added by chapter 595 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

12 17. "Sewerage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
13 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
14 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
15 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
16 other wastes also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of  
17 this title.

18 § 6. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of section 1122 of  
19 the public authorities law, as added by chapter 595 of the laws of 1991,  
20 are renumbered subdivisions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 and a new  
21 subdivision 22 is added to read as follows:

22 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
23 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
24 soil or other surface.

25 § 7. Subdivision 18 of section 1122 of the public authorities law, as  
26 added by chapter 592 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

27 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
28 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
29 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
30 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
31 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

32 § 8. Subdivisions 22, 23 and 24 of section 1122 of the public authori-  
33 ties law, as added by chapter 592 of the laws of 1991, are renumbered  
34 subdivisions 23, 24, and 25 and a new subdivision 22 is added to read as  
35 follows:

36 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
37 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
38 soil or other surface.

39 § 9. Subdivisions 16, 17 and 18 of section 1147-a of the public  
40 authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 17, 18 and 19 and a new  
41 subdivision 16 is added to read as follows:

42 16. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
43 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
44 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
45 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
46 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
47 title.

48 § 10. Subdivisions 19 and 20 of section 1147-a of the public authori-  
49 ties law are renumbered subdivisions 21 and 22 and a new subdivision 20  
50 is added to read as follows:

51 20. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
52 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
53 soil or other surface.

54 § 11. Section 1176 of the public authorities law is amended by adding  
55 a new subdivision 26 to read as follows:

1 26. The term "stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the  
2 ground or other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed  
3 by the soil or other surface.

4 § 12. Subdivision 12 of section 1196-b of the public authorities law,  
5 as added by chapter 510 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 12. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
8 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
9 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
10 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
11 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
12 title.

13 § 13. Subdivisions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of section 1196-b of the  
14 public authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22  
15 and a new subdivision 17 is added to read as follows:

16 17. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
17 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
18 soil or other surface.

19 § 14. Subdivision 19 of section 1199-a of the public authorities law,  
20 as added by chapter 723 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 19. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
23 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
24 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
25 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
26 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

27 § 15. Subdivisions 23, 24 and 25 of section 1199-a of the public  
28 authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 24, 25 and 26 and a new  
29 subdivision 23 is added to read as follows:

30 23. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
31 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
32 soil or other surface.

33 § 16. Subdivision 18 of section 1199-bb of the public authorities law,  
34 as added by chapter 501 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as  
35 follows:

36 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
37 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
38 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
39 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
40 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

41 § 17. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of section 1199-bb of  
42 the public authorities law, subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 as  
43 renumbered by chapter 501 of the laws of 1990, are renumbered subdivi-  
44 sions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and a new subdivision 22 is added to  
45 read as follows:

46 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
47 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
48 soil or other surface.

49 § 18. Subdivision 18 of section 1199-bbbb of the public authorities  
50 law, as added by chapter 195 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
51 follows:

52 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
53 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
54 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
55 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
56 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

1 § 19. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of section 1199-bbbb  
2 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 195 of the laws of  
3 1995, are renumbered subdivisions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and a  
4 new subdivision 22 is added to read as follows:

5 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
6 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
7 soil or other surface.

8 § 20. Subdivision 18 of section 1199-aaaa of the public authorities  
9 law, as added by chapter 411 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
12 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
13 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
14 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
15 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

16 § 21. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of section 1199-aaaa  
17 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 411 of the laws of  
18 1995, are renumbered subdivisions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and a  
19 new subdivision 22 is added to read as follows:

20 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
21 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
22 soil or other surface.

23 § 22. Subdivision 2 of section 1230-g of the public authorities law is  
24 amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

25 (h) "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
26 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
27 soil or other surface.

28 § 23. Subdivision 21 of section 1232-b of the public authorities law,  
29 as added by chapter 685 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 21. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
32 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
33 with such ground water infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as  
34 may be present. The admixture of sewage with industrial or other waste  
35 also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

36 § 24. Subdivisions 26 and 27 of section 1232-b of the public authori-  
37 ties law are renumbered subdivisions 27 and 28 and a new subdivision 26  
38 is added to read as follows:

39 26. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
40 other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be absorbed by the  
41 soil or other surface.

42 § 25. Subdivision 16 of section 1281 of the public authorities law, as  
43 amended by chapter 744 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as  
44 follows:

45 16. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
46 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
47 together with such ground water infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
48 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial waste  
49 or other waste shall also be considered "sewage" within the meaning of  
50 this title.

51 § 26. Section 1281 of the public authorities law is amended by adding  
52 a new subdivision 35 to read as follows:

53 35. "Stormwater" or "storm water" shall mean a flow of water occurring  
54 on the ground or other surface when rain or meltwater can no longer be  
55 absorbed by the soil or other surface.

56 § 27. This act shall take effect immediately.