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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the safe storage of firearms and child access prevention; to amend a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the penal law and the executive law relating to the safe storage of firearms and child access prevention, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9760 and A. 10356-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the executive law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Section 847 of the executive law as added by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the penal law and the executive law relating to the safe storage of firearms and child access prevention, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9760 and A. 10356-A, is REPEALED.

§ 2. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 32 to read as follows:

32. (a) On or before July first, two thousand twenty-five, the commissioner shall develop and implement a public awareness campaign to educate the public on the safe storage of firearms, rifles and shotguns and child access and prevention. The public awareness campaign shall include, but not be limited to, educational materials, resources and information related to New York state child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage and transport of firearms, rifles and shotguns including sections 265.45, 265.46, and 400.00 of the penal law, available methods for the safe storage of firearms, rifles and shotguns designed to prevent child access, firearm violence prevention resources, and county and local specific laws and regulations related to child access prevention and safe storage of firearms, rifles and shotguns.

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

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(b) On or before July first, two thousand twenty-five, the commissioner shall make the educational materials developed for use in this public awareness campaign readily shareable in a digital format and make the materials available on the public facing portion of the department's website. The commissioner shall make the educational materials readily available to any agency who requests such educational materials for dissemination.

(c) On July first, two thousand twenty-six, and each July first thereafter, the department shall update, as necessary, the educational materials developed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision and make available and disseminate the updated materials pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

§ 3. Section 4 of a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the penal law and the executive law relating to the safe storage of firearms and child access prevention, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9760 and A. 10356-A, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately**, provided however, that section one of this act shall take effect July 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**.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that sections one and two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the penal law and the executive law relating to the safe storage of firearms and child access prevention, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9760 and A. 10356-A, takes effect.