STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 13, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. JACOBSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the consolidated lead-contaminated water supply line replacement program; to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the consolidated lead-contaminated water supply line replacement fund; to repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating thereto; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. Section 1114 of the public health law is REPEALED and a new section 1114 is added to read as follows:

§ 1114. Consolidated lead-contaminated water supply line replacement program. 1. A consolidated lead-contaminated water line replacement program is hereby established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to municipalities for the abatement, removal and replacement of lead-contaminated water lines.

2. To receive financial assistance and reimbursement, a municipality shall:

(a) Present proof of completing the abatement, removal and replacement of lead-contaminated water supply lines. Such proof shall be in the form of a sworn certification by a licensed engineer or a representative of the county department of health or the department that such remediation was completed.

(b) Present proof of the direct costs of the abatement, removal and replacement of such lead-contaminated water supply lines. Such proof shall be in the form of a sworn certification by the municipality's comptroller, treasurer, or chief executive officer. Costs of the municipal attorney, corporation counsel, municipal administrator or city manager, village manager or municipal engineer shall not be eligible for reimbursement. The maximum reimbursement shall be ten thousand dollars per water supply line replaced plus interest on any loans taken out specifically for the abatement, removal and replacement of the lead-contaminated water lines.

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

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3. Participation in this program shall not disqualify a municipality from applying for and receiving additional money from other programs related to the abatement, removal and replacement of lead-contaminated water lines.

4. Any remaining funds in the possession of the municipality from prior programs under former section eleven hundred fourteen of this article shall be transferred to the reimbursement program established by this section.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 98-e to read as follows:

§ 98-e. Consolidated lead-contaminated water supply line fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the "consolidated lead-contaminated water supply line fund".

2. The consolidated lead-contaminated water supply line fund may consist of all monies transferred to the state and made available to the department of health for purposes of remediation by municipalities of the abatement, removal and replacement of lead-contaminated water supply lines. Costs of the municipal attorney, corporation counsel, municipal administrator or city manager, village manager or municipal engineer shall not be eligible for reimbursement. The maximum reimbursement shall be ten thousand dollars per water supply line replaced plus interest on any loans taken out specifically for the abatement, removal and replacement of the lead-contaminated water lines.

3. Monies in the consolidated lead-contaminated water supply line fund shall be kept separately from and shall not be commingled with any other monies in the custody of the state comptroller.

§ 3. The sum of five hundred million dollars ($500,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of health out of any monies in the state treasury in the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such monies shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of health in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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.