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Introduced by M. of A. BURDICK, ROSENTHAL, SIMONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

§ 1110-a. Park potable water testing and standards. 1. The person, officer, board or commission having the management and control of the potable water supply of any state or local park shall conduct periodic first-drawn tap testing of potable water systems to monitor for lead contamination in each park under their jurisdiction; provided, however, that this shall not include any park under the management or control of the New York city department of parks and recreation. The testing shall be conducted and the results analyzed by an entity or entities approved by the commissioner. Such periodic first-drawn tap testing shall occur at least once every three years.

2. Where a finding of lead contamination is made, the person, officer, board or commission having the management and control of the potable water supply of such park shall: (a) continue first-drawn tap water testing; (b) provide park visitors with an adequate supply of safe, potable water for drinking until future tests indicate lead levels are below the action level; (c) conspicuously post warnings to park visitors, the form and content of such warnings to be determined by the commissioner, as well as posting such warnings and test results on the park's website; and (d) immediately transmit a copy of the results of all such testing, including laboratory reports, and any lead remediation

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

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plans to the commissioner and the commissioners of parks, recreation and historic preservation in a format to be determined by such commissioners.

3. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation, shall make regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

4. The commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation shall make a copy of the results of all such testing and any lead remediation plans available to the public on the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation's website and any additional means as chosen by such commissioner. A copy of the results of all testing shall also be immediately transmitted to the department in a format to be determined by the commissioner. The commissioner, in conjunction with the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation, shall publish a report biennially based on the findings from the tap water testing conducted according to the provisions of this section. Such report shall be sent to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly and shall be made available on the department's and office of parks, recreation and historic preservation's websites.

5. For the purposes of this section, "lead action level" shall mean a concentration of lead that is greater than 0.005 milligrams per liter.

§ 2. 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.