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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:

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

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

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

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

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

19. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 27. This act shall take effect immediately.