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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. COONEY, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- recommitted to the Committee on Labor in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of labor to develop instructional tools and materials for occupations at high-risk of tick exposures

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

Section 1. Section 21 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

17. (a) Shall, in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture and markets, the commissioner of health and the commissioner of environmental conservation, develop instructional tools and materials for occupations at high-risk of tick exposures. Such instructional tools and materials shall complement the public awareness campaign established pursuant to section sixteen-b of the agriculture and markets law and provide specific information on the identification of ticks, best practices to provide protection from ticks, and recommended procedures for safe tick removal.

(b) Occupations at high-risk of tick exposures shall include, but not limited to,the following:

(i) farmers, farm workers, and other agricultural employees;

(ii) landscape workers;

(iii) forestry workers;

(iv) first responders;

(v) road crews; and

(vi) utility crews.

(c) Such instructional tools and materials may include, but need not be limited to, video productions, pamphlets, and demonstration programs

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

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to illustrate the various sizes of ticks before and after they have engorged to assist with the identification of ticks and the reaction on the skin, for a variety of skin tones, that may occur as a result of a tick bite, and protection against tick bites.

(d) Such instructional tools and materials shall be made available to high-risk employers and employees upon request at no charge and shall be reviewed and updated annually.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.