

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 16, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to the storage of road salt

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

- 1 Section 1. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section
2 23 to read as follows:
- 3 § 23. Storage of road salt. 1. For the protection of road salt, the
4 department and every municipality, locality, and authority that distrib-
5 utes road salt shall construct a salt shed within ten years of the
6 effective date of this section.
- 7 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "road salt" shall mean a
8 mineral form of sodium chloride to melt snow and ice on roads by lower-
9 ing water's freezing point.
- 10 3. Salt sheds should maintain a reasonable separation from streams,
11 lakes, ponds, private and public potable water wells, groundwater sourc-
12 es used for public water systems, surface waters of the state, primary
13 water supplies and principal/sole source aquifers.
- 14 4. Salt sheds shall be used year-round to prevent precipitation from
15 merging with stored salt or salt and sand mixture.
- 16 5. Salt storage shed bases and their covers, if applicable, shall be
17 impermeable. Covers shall be secured against the wind, always remain on
18 the pile and be of sufficient size to enclose the entire pile and only
19 be opened to the least needed dimensions necessary for transfer.
- 20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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