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Introduced by Sens. BROUK, HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the use of pesticides at children's overnight or summer day camp

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

1 Section 1. Section 1396 of the public health law is renumbered section
2 1397 and a new section 1396 is added to read as follows:

3 § 1396. Pesticide alternatives. 1. For purposes of this section
4 "pesticide" shall have the same meaning as set forth in subdivision
5 thirty-five of section 33-0101 of the environmental conservation law,
6 provided however that it shall not include:

7 (a) the application of anti-microbial pesticides and anti-microbial
8 products as defined by FIFRA in 7 U.S.C. Section 136 (mm) and 136 q (h)
9 (2);

10 (b) the use of an aerosol product with a directed spray, in containers
11 of eighteen fluid ounces or less, when used to protect individuals from
12 an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous
13 spiders, bees, wasps and hornets;

14 (c) the use of non-volatile insect or rodent bait in a tamper resist-
15 ant container;

16 (d) the application of a pesticide classified by the United States
17 Environmental Protection Agency as an exempt material under 40 CFR Part
18 152.25;

19 (e) the use of boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate; or

20 (f) the use of horticultural soap and oils that do not contain
21 synthetic pesticides or synergists.

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

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1 2. No camp defined in subdivisions one and two of section thirteen
2 hundred ninety-two of this article, or children's non-regulated camp
3 defined in section three hundred ninety-eight-f of the general business
4 law, shall apply pesticide to any playgrounds, athletic or playing
5 fields, other than those on publicly-owned or publicly-leased property
6 in a city of more than one million, except that: (a) an emergency appli-
7 cation of a pesticide may be made by a camp defined in subdivisions one
8 and two of section thirteen hundred ninety-two of this article as deter-
9 mined by the county health department or for a county served by a
10 district office of the department of health, such authority as the coun-
11 ty legislature shall designate, the commissioner or his or her designee;
12 and (b) an emergency application of a pesticide may be made by a chil-
13 dren's non-regulated camp defined in section three hundred
14 ninety-eight-f of the general business law as determined by the commis-
15 sioner or his or her designee. If a response to a request for an emer-
16 gency application of pesticide is not received by a camp within twenty-
17 four hours, such camp may contract with a pesticide applicator certified
18 under section 33-0905 of the environmental conservation law for a single
19 application of pesticide, provided that the camp submit documentation of
20 the emergency pesticide application to the county health department or
21 the commissioner immediately thereafter. Such documentation shall
22 include an explanation of the emergency, the date on which the camp
23 requested approval for an emergency application of pesticide, the date
24 and time the pesticide was applied, the pesticide or pesticides applied,
25 and the name of the certified pesticide applicator who applied the
26 pesticide.

27 3. The commissioner shall have the power to exempt from this section
28 any camp defined in subdivisions one and two of section thirteen hundred
29 ninety-two of this article to the extent that it is not practicable to
30 use pesticide alternatives as defined in subdivision one of this
31 section.

32 § 2. Subdivision 7 of section 33-0303 of the environmental conserva-
33 tion law, as added by chapter 85 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read
34 as follows:

35 7. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of educa-
36 tion and the commissioner of health, shall develop guidance on pesticide
37 alternatives to facilitate compliance with section four hundred nine-k
38 of the education law [and], three hundred ninety-g of the social
39 services law and thirteen hundred ninety-six of the public health law.

40 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
41 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
42 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
43 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or
44 before such effective date.