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# **TICKING TIME BOMB: AN UPDATE ON THE LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE EPIDEMIC IN NEW YORK STATE**



This year was particularly bad for ticks and tick-borne diseases (TBDs), with Lyme and other TBDs, including deadly cases of Powassan, reaching new areas of the state. The Senate Majority Coalition Task Force on Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases, in conjunction with the Senate Standing Committee on Health, held a hearing in August to focus on the ongoing battle with Lyme and TBDs, as well as the dangers and steps to avert greater problems.

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