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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the prohibition of  
marksmanship and/or shooting programs in public schools

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Section 809-a of the education law, as amended by chapter  
2 442 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:  
3 S 809-a. Instruction in [the safe use of firearms] CONSERVATION and in  
4 the game laws. The officer, board, or commission authorized or required  
5 to prescribe courses of instructions in any school under state control,  
6 may authorize instructions to be given in the [safe and proper use of  
7 firearms allowed by law to be used in the taking of wild game, and may  
8 also authorize instructions to be given in the] study of game laws and  
9 of proper hunting and conservation practices, PROVIDED THAT FIREARMS ARE  
10 NOT USED BY STUDENTS OR DISCHARGED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. Such courses of  
11 instruction shall be approved by both the education department and the  
12 department of environmental conservation.  
13 S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 809-b to  
14 read as follows:  
15 S 809-B. PROHIBITION OF MARKSMANSHIP AND/OR SHOOTING PROGRAMS. 1. NO  
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL OFFER MARKSMANSHIP AND/OR SHOOTING PROGRAMS.  
17 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, MARKSMANSHIP AND/OR SHOOTING PROGRAMS  
18 SHALL INCLUDE ANY COMPETITIVE AND RECREATIONAL SPORTING ACTIVITIES  
19 INVOLVING PROFICIENCY TESTS OF ACCURACY, PRECISION AND SPEED IN USING  
20 VARIOUS TYPES OF RANGED WEAPONS, SUCH AS FIREARMS AND AIR GUNS, IN FORMS  
21 SUCH AS HANDGUNS, RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS AND/OR BOWS OR CROSSBOWS.  
22 S 3. 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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