

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 28, 2025

Introduced by Sen. BORRELLO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to aid in hunting

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-0103 of the environmental conservation law is  
2 amended by adding a new subdivision 33 to read as follows:

3 33. "Unmanned aerial vehicle" means any aircraft that is operated  
4 without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on  
5 the aircraft.

6 § 2. Section 11-0901 of the environmental conservation law is amended  
7 by adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

8 18. a. No person shall use an unmanned aerial vehicle to search for,  
9 scout, locate, hunt, detect, or otherwise aid in the taking of a wild  
10 animal to which the hunting season applies.

11 b. A person may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle with infrared abil-  
12 ities to recover a legally taken animal, but no person shall be author-  
13 ized to enter the property of another person or recover a legally taken  
14 animal from the property of another person without the permission of the  
15 property owner.

16 § 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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