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

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the taking of northern or lined seahorses for commercial purposes

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 13-0310 to read as follows:

S 13-0310. NORTHERN OR LINED SEAHORSES; PROHIBITED ACTS.

1. NO PERSON SHALL TAKE ANY NORTHERN OR LINED SEAHORSE (HIPPOCAMPUS ERECTUS) FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

2. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE TAKING OF SEAHORSES FOR SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PUBLIC OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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