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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to regulating the removal of turkeys and geese from a locality

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 11-0541 to read as follows:

S 11-0541. TURKEYS AND GEESE.

1. PRIOR TO AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF TURKEYS OR GEESE FROM A LOCALITY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON IN A PLACE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE LOCALITY AFFECTED. AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING, NOTICE THEREOF SHALL BE ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN EACH COUNTY AFFECTED. THE NOTICE SHALL STATE THE SUBJECT OF THE HEARING AND THE PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF THE TURKEYS OR GEESE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STRICTLY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF TURKEYS OR GEESE FROM A LOCALITY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION OFFERING HUMANE ALTERNATIVES TO EXECUTION TO ALL APPLICANTS SEEKING PERMITS TO REMOVE TURKEYS OR GEESE FROM A LOCALITY.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT DONATE TURKEYS OR GEESE TO BE USED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

S 2. 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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