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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 regu-  
lating the removal of turkeys and geese from a locality

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

- 1     Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a  
2 new section 11-0541 to read as follows:  
3     S 11-0541. TURKEYS AND GEESE.  
4     1. PRIOR TO AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF TURKEYS OR GEESE FROM A LOCALI-  
5 TY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON IN A PLACE DETER-  
6 MINED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE LOCALITY AFFECTED. AT LEAST TEN DAYS  
7 BEFORE THE HEARING, NOTICE THEREOF SHALL BE ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER  
8 PUBLISHED IN EACH COUNTY AFFECTED. THE NOTICE SHALL STATE THE SUBJECT OF  
9 THE HEARING AND THE PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF THE TURKEYS OR GEESE.  
10    2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STRICTLY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PERMITS AUTHORIZ-  
11 ING THE REMOVAL OF TURKEYS OR GEESE FROM A LOCALITY. THE DEPARTMENT  
12 SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION OFFERING HUMANE ALTERNATIVES TO EXECUTION TO  
13 ALL APPLICANTS SEEKING PERMITS TO REMOVE TURKEYS OR GEESE FROM A LOCALI-  
14 TY.  
15    3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT DONATE TURKEYS OR GEESE TO BE USED FOR  
16 HUMAN CONSUMPTION.  
17    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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