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-- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, CLARK -- read once and
referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to
falconry

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-1001 of the environmental conservation law, as
2 added by chapter 825 of the laws of 1973, subdivision 1 as amended by
3 chapter 325 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:
4 S 11-1001. Definitions.
5 (1) "Raptors" means all species of the orders Strigiformes and Falco-
6 niformes and shall include but not be limited to falcons, hawks, owls
7 and eagles except the golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetor*) and bald eagle
8 (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and all birds listed as endangered or threat-
9 ened pursuant to section 11-0535 of this article. However, [properly
10 banded peregrine falcons which are the progeny of birds lawfully
11 acquired prior to 1978 are] **LAWFULLY ACQUIRED, PROPERLY BANDED PEREGRINE**
12 **FALCONS ARE** raptors within the meaning of this section.
13 (2) "Falconry" means the sport of hunting by the use of trained
14 raptors and includes the training, feeding and handling of such birds
15 and their recapture after being released for hunting or training.
16 (3) "**LAWFULLY ACQUIRED**" MEANS:
17 (A) **PROGENY OF BIRDS LAWFULLY ACQUIRED PRIOR TO 1978 OR,**
18 (B) **CAPTURED PURSUANT TO A FEDERAL DEPREDAATION ORDER OR PERMIT OR THE**
19 **PROGENY OF SUCH BIRDS.**
20 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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