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

AN ACT to direct the department of environmental conservation and the  
office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a  
hiking trail safety pilot program and providing for the repeal of such  
provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1     Section 1. The department of environmental conservation and the office  
2     of parks, recreation and historic preservation are hereby authorized and  
3     directed to establish a hiking trail safety pilot program. Such program  
4     shall:  
5     a. increase warnings about the potential hazards of hiking and trail  
6     use (i) at trailheads throughout the pilot program area, and (ii) on any  
7     new trail maps subject to such pilot program;  
8     b. increase warnings at scenic overlooks throughout the pilot program  
9     area that may present a risk of a fall;  
10    c. develop better information for hikers regarding wildlife encounters  
11    and proper preparation for hiking, including, but not limited to, proper  
12    footwear and attire, how much water to bring, requisite navigation  
13    skills and leave no trace principles;  
14    d. develop safety markers and a notification system similar to those  
15    used at ski resorts within the state; and  
16    e. be implemented by June 1, 2016.  
17    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire three  
18    years after such date when upon such date the provisions of this act  
19    shall be deemed repealed.

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

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