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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to selectively cutting timber

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 24-0701 of the environmental
2 conservation law, as amended by chapter 697 of the laws of 1979, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 4. The activities of farmers and other landowners in grazing and
5 watering livestock, making reasonable use of water resources, harvesting
6 natural products of the wetlands, selectively cutting timber, draining
7 land or wetlands for growing agricultural products and otherwise engag-
8 ing in the use of wetlands or other land for growing agricultural
9 products shall be excluded from regulated activities and shall not
10 require a permit under subdivision one hereof, except that structures
11 not required for enhancement or maintenance of the agricultural produc-
12 tivity of the land and any filling activities shall not be excluded
13 hereunder, and provided that the use of land designated as a freshwater
14 wetland upon the freshwater wetlands map at the effective date thereof
15 for uses other than those referred to in this subdivision shall be
16 subject to the provisions of this article. WHEN SELECTIVELY CUTTING
17 TIMBER, THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF TEMPORARY SKIDDER TRAILS AND MACHIN-
18 ERY, USING CURRENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED
19 STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICES, FOR THE REMOVAL OF
20 SUCH TIMBER SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM REGULATED ACTIVITIES AND SHALL NOT
21 REQUIRE A PERMIT UNDER SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.
22 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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