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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK, COOK, GALEF, WEINSTEIN, L. ROSENTHAL, ENGLEBRIGHT, COLTON, SEPULVEDA, D'URSO, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to making contests, competitions, tournaments and derbys to take wildlife unlawful

## The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions 14, 15 and 16 of section 11-0901 of the environmental conservation law, subdivision 14 as renumbered by chapter 486 of the laws of 1985, are renumbered subdivisions 15, 16 and 17 and a new subdivision 14 is added to read as follows:

5 14. It shall be unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, conduct, 6 promote, or participate in any contest, competition, tournament, or 7 derby with the objective of taking or hunting wildlife for prizes or 8 other inducement, or for entertainment. Any wildlife injured during the 9 course of a contest, competition, tournament, or derby conducted in 10 violation of this subdivision shall be transported to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator or veterinarian for treatment or humane euthanasia if 11 best efforts to rehabilitate and release the animal fail. The remains of 12 any wildlife killed during the course of a contest, competition, tourna-13 14 ment, or derby conducted in violation of this subdivision shall be 15 forfeited by every organizer, promoter, participant or any other person 16 conducting or involved in such contest, competition, tournament, or derby and the remains of such wildlife shall become the property of the 17

18 <u>department</u>.

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

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1 § 2. Section 71-0921 of the environmental conservation law is amended 2 by adding a new subdivision 10-a to read as follows:

- 10-a. Violations of subdivision fourteen of section 11-0901 of this
  chapter involving unlawful contests, competitions, tournaments and
  derbys to take wildlife. Each such misdemeanor shall be punishable by
  imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not less than
  five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars, or by both such
  imprisonment and fine.
- 9 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-10 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.