STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 27, 2017

Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the removal and planting of trees on college campuses of the state university of New York

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and declares that as a public university, the state university of New York shall be stewards of the environment and shall take every possible precaution to safeguard natural habitats surrounding all 64 college campuses in the SUNY system.

§ 2. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law, as amended by chapter 552 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

c. To provide for the care, custody and management of the lands, grounds, structures, buildings, equipment and facilities of the state university and the institutions therein. **Provided that, with respect to campus grounds, the trustees shall adopt a uniform policy for the removal and planting of trees that shall specifically require that when a tree is removed from a campus, another is planted on that campus in order to ensure environmental stability.**

§ 3. 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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