STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE

AN ACT to require the department of environmental conservation to report
  on deer management techniques in urban and suburban areas

  **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 shall, no
 2 later than January 1, 2019, prepare a report to the legislature regard-
 3 ing deer management techniques in urban and suburban areas of the state.
 4 Such report, which shall be based on the best available scientific
 5 information, shall include:
 6   (i) an evaluation of alternative deer control methods, other than
 7 traditional hunting, that may be employed to reduce deer population,
 8 which may include, but need not be limited to capture and euthanization,
 9 capture and removal, and fertility control;
10   (ii) methods to mitigate crop, vegetation, and property damage from
11 deer, including vehicle collisions;
12   (iii) management measures currently taken by the department to mini-
13 mize conflict between humans and deer;
14   (iv) methods to enhance public engagement in and awareness of deer
15 management issues;
16   (v) methods to reduce the spread of wildlife-transmitted illnesses
17 such as Lyme disease;
18   (vi) identification and evaluation of urban and suburban areas of the
19 state with high concentrations of deer populations;
20   (vii) the basis for the department's current deer population manage-
21 ment levels; and
22   (viii) review of effective management measures being taken in other
23 states.
24   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.