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## IN SENATE

May 11, 2017

Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to invasive species

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 10 of section 9-1703 of the environmental  
2 conservation law, as added by chapter 674 of the laws of 2007, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 10. "Invasive species" means a species that is:

5 (a) nonnative to the ecosystem under consideration; and

6 (b) whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or envi-  
7 ronmental harm or harm to human health. For the purposes of this para-  
8 graph, the harm must significantly outweigh any benefits; or

9 (c) present in numbers that such species or pest organisms are consid-  
10 ered an infestation and large enough to be harmful, threatening, or  
11 obnoxious to native plants, animals, or human health. These should  
12 include, but not be limited to, infestations related to the prolifer-  
13 ation of vector-borne diseases such as Lyme and tick-borne diseases and  
14 the West Nile virus.

15 § 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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