

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 18, 2018

Introduced by M. of A. TAGUE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to direct the department of environmental conservation and the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a hiking trail safety pilot program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. The department of environmental conservation and the office
- 2 of parks, recreation and historic preservation are hereby authorized and
- 3 directed to establish a hiking trail safety pilot program. Such program
- 4 shall:
- 5 a. increase warnings about the potential hazards of hiking and trail
- 6 use (i) at trailheads throughout the pilot program area, and (ii) on any
- 7 new trail maps subject to such pilot program;
- 8 b. increase warnings at scenic overlooks throughout the pilot program
- 9 area that may present a risk of a fall;
- 10 c. develop better information for hikers regarding wildlife encounters
- 11 and proper preparation for hiking, including, but not limited to, proper
- 12 footwear and attire, how much water to bring, requisite navigation
- 13 skills and leave no trace principles;
- 14 d. develop safety markers and a notification system similar to those
- 15 used at ski resorts within the state; and
- 16 e. be implemented by June 1, 2019.
- 17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire three
- 18 years after such date when upon such date the provisions of this act
- 19 shall be deemed repealed.

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

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