

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to falconry

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-1001 of the environmental conservation law, as  
2 added by chapter 825 of the laws of 1973, subdivision 1 as amended by  
3 chapter 325 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:  
4 § 11-1001. Definitions.

5 (1) "Raptors" means all species of the orders Strigiformes and Falco-  
6 niformes and shall include but not be limited to falcons, hawks, owls  
7 and eagles except the golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) and bald eagle  
8 (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and all birds listed as endangered or threat-  
9 ened pursuant to section 11-0535 of this article. However, [~~properly~~  
10 ~~banded peregrine falcons which are the progeny of birds lawfully~~  
11 ~~acquired prior to 1978 are~~] lawfully acquired, properly banded peregrine  
12 falcons are raptors within the meaning of this section.

13 (2) "Falconry" means the sport of hunting by the use of trained  
14 raptors and includes the training, feeding and handling of such birds  
15 and their recapture after being released for hunting or training.

16 (3) "Lawfully acquired" means:

17 (a) progeny of birds lawfully acquired prior to 1978 or,

18 (b) captured pursuant to a federal depredation order or permit or the  
19 progeny of such birds.

20 § 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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