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Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER -- read once and referred 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:

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

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

(a) nonnative to the ecosystem under consideration; and

(b) whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. For the purposes of this paragraph, the harm must significantly outweigh any benefits**; or**

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

§ 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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