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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the regulation of live restraint cable devices to take wildlife; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 11-1101 of the environmental
2 conservation law is amended to read as follows:

3 5. a. Except as provided in subdivision 1 or 2 of section 11-0523 of
4 this article with respect to destructive and menacing wildlife, no
5 person shall (a) set or use a trap of the leg-gripping type having teeth
6 in the jaws; (b) set a leg hold trap so that wildlife when caught is
7 suspended; (c) use, locate or set a snare or a device consisting of a
8 noose of any material whereby an animal may be taken.

9 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision,
10 the department may, by regulation, authorize the use of live restraint
11 cable devices to take coyote and other species as allowed by the depart-
12 ment in the state, except in the following counties: Westchester, Rock-
13 land, Richmond, Suffolk and Nassau. The use of live restraint cable
14 devices shall only be permitted for a period of time specified by the
15 department beginning no earlier than December first. Such regulations
16 shall include live cable restraint devices consisting of at least one
17 swivel, a relaxing lock, a deer stop, and a break away device. Such

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

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1 regulations shall also require that any person using a live restraint
2 cable shall check such device at least once every twenty-four hours.
3 For the purposes of this provision:

4 (a) a swivel is a device incorporated at the end of the cable
5 restraint which allows the captured animal to freely rotate;

6 (b) a relaxing lock is a device that allows the cable loop to stop
7 restricting when the captured animal stops pulling;

8 (c) a deer stop is a device incorporated into the loop of the cable
9 restraint that keeps the cable restraint from closing beyond a specified
10 circumference to allow deer that may encounter the restraint to escape;
11 and

12 (d) a break away device allows the loop of the cable restraint to
13 break open when a specified amount of force is applied.

14 Trappers using live cable restraint devices must complete a training
15 course in their construction and use offered by the department.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
17 deemed repealed February 16, 2021.