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Introduced by M. of A. D'URSO, SAYEGH, TAYLOR, ARROYO, MIKULIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- amended on the special order of third reading, ordered reprinted as amended, retaining its place on the special order of third reading

AN ACT to require the department of environmental conservation to report on coyote management techniques in urban and suburban areas

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

Section 1. The department of environmental conservation shall, no later than January 1, 2022, prepare a report to the legislature regarding coyote management techniques in urban and suburban areas of the state. Such report, which shall be based on the best available scientific information, shall include:

(i) management measures currently taken by the department to minimize conflict between humans and coyotes;

(ii) review of effective management measures being taken in other states;

(iii) methods to enhance public engagement in and awareness of coyote management issues;

(iv) identification and evaluation of urban and suburban areas of the state with high concentrations of coyote populations;

(v) methods currently implemented to minimize dangerous interactions between humans and coyotes and recommendations for improvements to such methods, if applicable;

(vi) the basis for the department's current coyote population management levels; and

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

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(vii) an evaluation of coyote control methods that may be employed to reduce coyote populations other than traditional hunting, which may include, but need not be limited to capture and removal, and fertility control.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.