STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. SERRANO, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law and the environmental conservation law, in relation to the development and posting of a senior trail guide that identifies walking and hiking opportunities for active seniors within the state park system and along public non-motorized multi-use trails within the state

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

Section 1. Section 3.09 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 24 to read as follows:

24. Shall develop and post on its website a senior trail guide that identifies walking and hiking opportunities for active seniors within the state park system and along public non-motorized multi-use trails within the state. Such guide shall include, but not be limited to: identification of low impact trails and routes appropriately accessible for patrons aged sixty-two years and older; listing of any impediments to mobility along such identified trails or routes such as steep inclines, declines, or uneven terrain; and identification of corresponding activities or amenities along or in close proximity to such trails and routes such as the location of birding areas or geologically or historically significant sites. The office shall update the senior trail guide from time to time.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 3-0301 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new paragraph aa to read as follows:

aa. Shall develop and post on its website a senior trail guide that identifies walking and hiking opportunities for active seniors within lands managed by the department. Such guide shall include, but not be limited to: identification of low impact trails and routes appropriately accessible for patrons aged sixty-two years and older; listing of any impediments to mobility along such identified trails or routes such as steep inclines, declines, or uneven terrain; and identification of corresponding activities or amenities along or in close proximity to

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such trails and routes such as the location of birding areas or geologically or historically significant sites. The department shall update the senior trail guide from time to time.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.