STATE OF NEW YORK

8049

IN SENATE

March 13, 2020

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the biological control of Lyme disease vectors

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 11-0525-a to read as follows:

§ 11-0525-a. Biological control of Lyme disease vectors.

1. Whenever Lyme disease occurs in an area of the state such that the departments of health and environmental conservation certify that the health and welfare of the human population are in danger therefrom, the department is thereupon authorized and directed to suspend any existing authorization for the taking of foxes, notwithstanding paragraph b of subdivision two of section 11-0903 of this article. Notice of such prohibition shall be provided by department press release and any other means that the department determines to be appropriate and effective, including posting on the department's public website.

2. Such control measures shall be continued until the commissioners of health and environmental conservation shall jointly determine that control measures should be terminated.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD10210-01-9