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Introduced by M. of A. TAGUE, SALKA, SMULLEN, ASHBY -- Multi-Sponsored
by -- M. of A. McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to direct the department of environmental conservation and the
office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a
hiking trail safety pilot program; and providing for the repeal of
such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. The department of environmental conservation and the office
2 of parks, recreation and historic preservation are hereby authorized and
3 directed to establish a hiking trail safety pilot program. Such program
4 shall:
- 5 a. increase warnings about the potential hazards of hiking and trail
 - 6 use (i) at trailheads throughout the pilot program area, and (ii) on any
 - 7 new trail maps subject to such pilot program;
 - 8 b. increase warnings at scenic overlooks throughout the pilot program
 - 9 area that may present a risk of a fall;
 - 10 c. develop better information for hikers regarding wildlife encounters
 - 11 and proper preparation for hiking, including, but not limited to, proper
 - 12 footwear and attire, how much water to bring, requisite navigation
 - 13 skills and leave no trace principles;
 - 14 d. develop safety markers and a notification system similar to those
 - 15 used at ski resorts within the state; and
 - 16 e. be implemented by June 1, 2022.
- 17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire three
18 years after such date when upon such date the provisions of this act
19 shall be deemed repealed.

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

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