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## IN SENATE

February 17, 2021

Introduced by Sens. GIANARIS, GOUNARDES, KRUEGER -- 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 increasing certain penalties relating to endangered and special species, species of special concern and illegal ivory articles and rhinoceros horns

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

Section 1. Subdivision 13 of section 71-0925 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 706 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

13. If the violation was an act prohibited by subdivision two of 4 section 11-0535 or by section 11-0536 of this chapter, or by any lawful 5 б rule or regulation of the department promulgated pursuant thereto, not 7 more than [two] four thousand dollars, and an additional penalty of not more than [three] seven hundred [fifty] dollars for each fish, shellf-8 ish, crustacea, wildlife or part thereof involved in the violation. If 9 10 the violation was an act prohibited by any regulation of the department 11 promulgated pursuant to subdivision three of section 11-0535 of this 12 chapter, then such penalty shall be not more than [one] two thousand 13 dollars, and an additional penalty of not more than [two] four hundred 14 dollars for each fish, shellfish, crustacea, wildlife or part thereof involved in the violation. 15

16 § 2. The commissioner of environmental conservation shall inform the 17 public of the importance of protecting endangered and threatened 18 species. Such commissioner shall also publicize the laws protecting such 19 species.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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