STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the public awareness and involvement in the thirty by thirty conservation plan

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 of section 49-0113 of the environ-2 mental conservation law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the environmental conservation law relating to setting conservation goals for the state and including efforts to combat the biodiversity and climate crises in the state's land acquisition policy, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6191-A and A. 5390-B, are amended to read as follows:

- 8 3. Conservation measures shall be undertaken in ways that serve all 9 communities, including low-income, disadvantaged and vulnerable communi-10 ties, including by ensuring meaningful opportunities for public input and involvement. 11
- 12 4. The department [and office shall prepare a draft plan and shall 13 propose no later than July first, two thousand twenty-two, a schedule of 14 public hearings thereon.

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- 5. On or before July first, two thousand twenty-three and every three 16 years thereafter, the department and office shall submit the plan and any recommendations to the governor and legislature] shall post the draft strategies and methodology developed to meet the goal no later 19 than July first, two thousand twenty-four and hold at least one public 20 hearing thereon. The department shall post the final goal strategies and 21 <u>methodology on its website.</u>
- 5. The department shall maintain and, at least annually, update its 22 23 website to provide information with regard to the implementation and 24 status of the goal.

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

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same 2 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the environmental 3 conservation law relating to setting conservation goals for the state 4 and including efforts to combat the biodiversity and climate crises in 5 the state's land acquisition policy, as proposed in legislative bills 6 numbers S. 6191-A and A. 5390-B, takes effect.