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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 authorizing the commissioner of environmental conservation to enter into contracts for maple tree tapping and sap production on state lands for a duration of up to ten years

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

Section 1. Section 9-0505 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner shall be authorized to enter into contracts for the lease or use of state lands for the purpose of tree tapping and sap production for a term of up to, but not to exceed, ten years. For the purposes of this section, the terms "tree tapping" and "sap production" shall include trees and sap from species of trees including, but not limited to, maple.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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