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IN SENATE

January 5, 2023

Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the use of wood in subway and railroad tracks

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

Section 1. Section 1209 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11-a to read as follows:

11-a. (a) The authority shall not procure tropical hardwoods for new or replacement subway and railroad track ties.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "tropical hardwood" shall include any and all hardwood, scientifically classified as angiosperm, that grows in any tropical moist old growth/primary forest between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

§ 2. Section 1265-a of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:

6-a. (a) The authority shall not procure tropical hardwoods for new or replacement subway and railroad track ties.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "tropical hardwood" shall include any and all hardwood, scientifically classified as angiosperm, that grows in any tropical moist old growth/primary forest between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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