STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 22, 2024

Introduced by Sen. BORRELLO -- 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 prohibiting the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to aid in hunting

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

Section 1. Section 11-0103 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 33 to read as follows:

33. "Unmanned aerial vehicle" means any aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

§ 2. Section 11-0901 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

18. a. No person shall use an unmanned aerial vehicle to search for, scout, locate, hunt, detect, or otherwise aid in the taking of a wild animal to which the hunting season applies.

b. A person may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle with infrared abilities to recover a legally taken animal, but no person shall be authorized to enter the property of another person or recover a legally taken animal from the property of another person without the permission of the property owner.

§ 3. 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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