STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 17, 2023

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the use of lead ammunition in the taking of wildlife on state-owned land and land contributing surface water to the New York city water supply

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 11-0901 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new paragraph h to read as follows:

h. Wildlife shall not be taken with the use of lead ammunition on: (1) wildlife management areas, state forests, forest preserves, state parks or any other state-owned land that is open for hunting; and (2) the land area contributing surface water to the New York city water supply. For the purposes of this paragraph "lead ammunition" shall mean any ammunition that contains one or more percent of lead by weight.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 11-0323 of the environmental conservation law, as separately amended by section 19 of part H of chapter 58 and chapter 342 of the laws of 2012, is amended as follows:

2. The department shall also prepare a syllabus of such laws and information informing migratory game bird hunters where they can obtain information regarding open seasons and bag limits, **lead ammunition prohibitions,** federal regulations pursuant to sections 11-1721 and 11-1723 of this article and of laws relating to invasive species (as defined in section 9-1703 of this chapter). The department shall deliver copies of such syllabus to county, city, town and village clerks in numbers sufficient for the furnishing of one copy to each person to whom

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

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a hunting, trapping or fishing license is issued. Each such licensee shall be entitled to one copy of such syllabus.

§ 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.