STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2024

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 allowing the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to track dead, wounded or injured big game

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 11-0936 to read as follows:

§ 11-0936. Unmanned aerial vehicles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the department may by regulation provide for the certification of unmanned aerial vehicles and may authorize the use of such unmanned aerial vehicles by persons licensed by the department to track and find dead, wounded or injured big game, and for the certification of unmanned aerial vehicles and may authorize the use of such unmanned aerial vehicles by persons licensed by the department to track bear pursuant to subdivision one of section 11-0521 of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. 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 date.

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

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