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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- 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 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:

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

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

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

13 2. The department shall also prepare a syllabus of such laws and
14 information informing migratory game bird hunters where they can obtain
15 information regarding open seasons and bag limits, lead ammunition
16 prohibitions, federal regulations pursuant to sections 11-1721 and
17 11-1723 of this article and of laws relating to invasive species (as
18 defined in section 9-1703 of this chapter). The department shall deliver
19 copies of such syllabus to county, city, town and village clerks in
20 numbers sufficient for the furnishing of one copy to each person to whom
21 a hunting, trapping or fishing license is issued. Each such licensee
22 shall be entitled to one copy of such syllabus.

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

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1 § 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027. Effective immediate-
2 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
3 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
4 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.