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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to siting permits for grassland bird breeding habitats or grassland bird wintering habitats

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

Section 1. Section 139 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. If a major electric transmission facility siting permit is proposed for a site which is grassland bird breeding habitat or grassland bird wintering habitat within a department of environmental conservation designated grassland bird conservation center, ORES shall require a mitigation ratio of three acres of mitigation for every acre of occupied grassland bird breeding habitat and one acre of mitigation for every acre of grassland bird wintering habitat determined to be taken.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to section 139 of the public service law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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