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Introduced by Sen. OBERACKER -- 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 falconry

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

Section 1. Section 11-1001 of the environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 825 of the laws of 1973, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 325 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

§ 11-1001. Definitions.

(1) "Raptors" means all species of the orders Strigiformes and Falconiformes and shall include but not be limited to falcons, hawks, owls and eagles except the golden eagle (Aquila [~~chrysaetor~~] chrysaetos) and bald eagle (Haliaetus leucocephalus) and all birds listed as endangered or threatened pursuant to section 11-0535 of this article. However, [~~properly banded peregrine falcons which are the progeny of birds lawfully acquired prior to 1978 are~~] lawfully acquired golden eagles, peregrine falcons, and their progeny are raptors within the meaning of this section.

(2) "Falconry" means the sport of hunting by the use of trained raptors and includes the training, feeding and handling of such birds and their recapture after being released for hunting or training.

§ 2. 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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