STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 3, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 prohibiting the issuing of major renewable energy and major electric transmission facility siting permits in designated grassland bird conservation centers

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

Section 1. Section 138 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no major renewable energy siting permit shall be issued for a site located in a department of environmental conservation designated grassland bird conservation center, including, but not limited to, three such centers in Jefferson county, one center in Saint Lawrence county, the Oak-Orchard-Iroquois center, the Washington County Grasslands center, the Finger Lakes National Forest center and the Shawangunk Grasslands.

§ 2. Section 139 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no major electric transmission facility siting permit shall be issued for a site located in a department of environmental conservation designated grassland bird conservation center, including, but not limited to, three such centers in Jefferson county, one center in Saint Lawrence county, the Oak-Orchard-Iroquois center, the Washington County Grasslands center, the Finger Lakes National Forest center and the Shawangunk Grasslands.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments made to sections 138 and 139 of the public service law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such sections and shall be deemed repealed therewith.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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