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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the sale of live genetically modified salmon

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-1703 of the environmental conservation law is
2 amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

3 8. No person shall sell or knowingly introduce into a free-living
4 state, live genetically modified salmon. Under this subdivision, genet-
5 ically modified salmon shall mean produced from or with an organism or
6 organisms with genetics altered materially through the application of:

7 (a) in vitro nucleic acid techniques, including but not limited to
8 recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) techniques and the direct
9 injection of nucleic acid into cells or organelles; or

10 (b) the fusion of cells beyond the taxonomic family that overcomes
11 natural physiological, reproductive, or recombinant barriers and that
12 are not techniques used in traditional breeding and selection.

13 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 11-1911 of the environmental conserva-
14 tion law is amended to read as follows:

15 3. No person shall release any species of fish into a farm fish pond
16 unless permission to do so is first obtained from the department.
17 Provided, however, under no circumstances shall the department authorize
18 the introduction of genetically engineered salmon as defined in subdivi-
19 sion eight of section 11-1703 of this article.

20 § 3. 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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