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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the state policy relating to preserving the unique qualities of the nighttime sky

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 1-0101 of the environmental conservation law is amended to read as follows:

3. It shall further be the policy of the state to foster, promote, create and maintain conditions under which [~~man~~] **people** and nature can thrive in harmony with each other, and achieve social, economic and technological progress for present and future generations by:

a. Assuring surroundings **including the nighttime sky** which are healthful and aesthetically pleasing;

b. Guaranteeing that the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment is attained without risk to health or safety, unnecessary degradation or other undesirable or unintended consequences;

c. Promoting patterns of development and technology which minimize adverse impact on the environment;

d. Preserving the unique qualities **including the nighttime sky** of special resources such as the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves **and of state parks, farms and forested land and other open space**;

e. Providing that care is taken for the air, water and other resources that are shared with the other states of the United States and with Canada in the manner of a good neighbor.

§ 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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