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—read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on

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## ASSEMBLY

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

## IN ASSEMBLY

The Members of the Assembly whose names are circled below wish to join me in the sponsorship of this proposal:

Abramson	Daly	Flack	Hawley	Lee	Montano	Schmidt	Vann
Amatucci	D'Amato	Flanagan	Healey	Lehner	Murphy, G.A.	Schumer	Velella
Barbaro	D'Andrea	Fortune	Hecht	Lentol	Murphy, M.J.	Sears	Virgilio
Betros	Dearie	Fremming	Henderson	Levy	Murphy, T.J.	Serrano	Walsh
Bianchi	DelliBovi	Frey	Herbst	Lewis	Nicolosi	Sharoff	Wemple
Blumenthal	Del Toro	Gazzara	Hevesi	Lill	Nine	Siegel	Weprin
Brewer	DeSalvio	Goodhue	Hinchey	Lisa	O'Neil	Silverman	Wertz
Brown	DiCarlo	Gorski	Hochberg	Lopresto	Orazio	Solomon	Yevoli
Burns	DiFalco	Gottfried	Hochbrueckner	Mannix	Passannante	Stavisky	Zagame
Burrows	Diggs	Graber	Hoyt	Marchiselli	Pesce	Stein	Zimmer
Calogero	Dokuchitz	Grannis	Hurley	Marchiotta	Posner, H.A.	Steingut	
Caputo	Duryea	Greco	Izard	Marshall	Posner, S.	Stephens	
Cincotta	Dwyer	Griffin	Jonas	McCabe	Rappleyea	Stott	
Cochrane	Emery	Griffith	Kelleher	Mega	Reilly	Strelzin	
Connelly	Esposito	Gunning	Kidder	Miller, G.W.	Riford	Suchin	
Connor	Eve	Haley	Koppell	Miller, H.J.	Robach	Sullivan	
Cook, C.D.	Farrell	Hamilton	Kremer	Miller, H.M.	Roosa	Tallon	
Cook, D.W.	Ferris	Hanna	Landes	Miller, M.H.	Ross	Taylor	
Cooperman	Field	Harenberg	Lane	Mirto	Runyon	Thorp	
Culhane	Fink	Harris	Lasher	Molinari	Ryan	Tills	

Assembly Introducer's signature

## IN SENATE

The Senators whose names are circled below wish to join me in the sponsorship of this proposal:

Anderson	Goodman	Ohrenstein
Auer	Gordon	Owens
Barclay	Griffin	Padavan
Beatty	Halperin	Paterson
Bellamy	Hudson	Perry
Bernstein	Isabella	Pisani
Bloom	Johnson	Present
Bronston	Knorr	Rolison
Burstein	Leichter	Ruiz
Caemmerer	Levy	Santucci
Calandra	Lewis	Schermerhorn
Conklin	Lombardi	Smith, B.C.
Donovan	Marchi	Smith, W.T.
Dunne	Marino	Stafford
Eckert	Mason	Straub
Flynn	McCall	Tauriello
Galiber	McFarland	Trunzo
Garcia	Meyerson	Volker
Giuffreda	Moore	Warder
Gold	Nolan	Winikow

Senate Introducer's signature

Section 1. The last undesignated paragraph of section eight hundred three of the executive law, as amended by chapter three hundred forty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred seventy-three, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The commissioner of environmental conservation, the commissioner of commerce and the director of the office of planning services may, by official authority filed in their respective agencies, and with the Adirondack park agency, designate a deputy or other officer of his agency to exercise his powers and perform his duties, including the right to vote, on the agency. One representative from each county within the Adirondack park, selected by the legislative body of such county, shall sit as an observer at all meetings of the agency.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.