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Environmental Conservation Law

TITLE....Directs the commissioner of environmental conservation to create gift cards for hunting and fishing licenses

This bill is not active in the current session.

01/22/19 referred to environmental conservation
05/07/19 reported referred to ways and means
06/14/19 reported referred to rules
06/17/19 reported
06/17/19 rules report cal.329
06/17/19 ordered to third reading rules cal.329
06/18/19 passed assembly
06/18/19 delivered to senate
06/18/19 REFERRED TO RULES
06/18/19 SUBSTITUTED FOR S5547
06/18/19 3RD READING CAL.1609
06/18/19 PASSED SENATE
06/18/19 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY
11/08/19 delivered to governor
11/20/19 vetoed memo.137
11/20/19 tabled

VETO MESSAGE - No. 137

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 2050, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to directing the commissioner of environmental conservation to create gift cards for hunting and fishing licenses"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to promulgate regulations to establish gift cards, entitling holders to redeem such cards for valid hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses or privileges.

Existing law already authorizes the Commissioner of DEC to create gift cards for sporting licenses. This bill, however, would mandate that DEC do so, at significant additional expense to the Department for which the Legislature has made no provision. Most hunting and fishing licenses are issued at more than 1,000 locations around the state, mostly by municipal clerks. The bill makes no provision for the potential impact on those municipalities. I vetoed this bill in 2014 because the costs imposed were not accounted for in the State's financial plan and therefore were more appropriately addressed during state budget negotiations. The Legislature has again failed to identify a funding source for this proposal and this bill presents the same concerns it did in 2014. Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO
