



SUPPORT

S. 1725-A/A. 4601 (Harckham/Glick)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the protection of certain streams

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 1725-A/A. 4601 (Harckham/Glick), which would give the Department of Environmental Conservation regulatory authority over Class C streams.

Class C streams, which are designated to support fisheries and other non-contact activities, are not currently protected classes under DEC's Protection of Waters Regulatory Program. This means that many potentially harmful activities can take place in these waterways without permits or oversight from the State.

S. 1725-A/A. 4601 would add Class C streams to the Protection of Waters Regulatory Program, giving DEC additional tools to protect valuable, and vulnerable, natural resources. These resources provide natural resilience against the impacts of climate change and provide critical natural habitats for fish like trout. It is vital that Class C Streams are given the same regulatory oversight as Class A and B Streams.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters urges passage of S. 1725-A/A. 4601.

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