

Delegates meeting of May 12, 2022

Addendum to legislative report:

Relative to questions from John O'Donnell of 110 Rod & Gun

Assembly bill **A5728 / Senate Bill S5058**; Prohibits the use of lead ammunition in the taking of wildlife on state-owned land and on land contributing surface water to the New York city water supply

Correction: Erroneously reported as A5128

Bill Text:

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 11-0901 of the environmental
- 2 conservation law is amended by adding a new paragraph h to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 h. Wildlife shall not be taken with the use of lead ammunition on: (1)
- 5 wildlife management areas, state forests, forest preserves, state parks
- 6 or any other state-owned land that is open for hunting; and (2) the land
- 7 area contributing surface water to the New York city water supply. For
- 8 the purposes of this paragraph "lead ammunition" shall mean any ammuni-
- 9 tion that contains one or more percent of lead by weight.
- 10 **§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.** Effective immediate-
- 11 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
- 12 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
- 13 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

As you can see, this is NO provision for using up old ammo.

Each hunter/shooter should look at his or her needs based on how much hunting ammo you have and whether or not you hunt on lands where lead, a.k.a. "Traditional" ammo will be banned. If you target shoot on private and/or club ranges, you should be able to use your existing supply. But, please note lines 11-13 and beware that one never knows what could come from [their] attempt to "fix" the regulatory process to comply with the law.

As of May 14, 2022 Bill A5728 passed the Assembly with a vote of 98 to 49. However, the Senate has yet to take the bill up. There have been no committee votes. This does not mean that it will not be acted upon later in the session.

Bill Connors