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The Committee on Environmental Preservation (Argenziano)
recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 4, lines 3-10, delete those lines

and insert: compatible with the ecological characteristics of the wetlands receiving the waters. When storage alternatives such as the use of existing impoundments, works, closed system reservoirs, or stormwater treatment areas are not sufficient, the use of wetlands may be considered for providing additional storage as needed to implement agricultural water conservation measures. To accomplish this, the governing board or the department may establish, by rule, criteria for the issuance of general permits for the use of certain wetlands for implementing agricultural water conservation measures. At a minimum, the rule must include specific criteria for the rehydration of small, previously drained isolated or short-duration-hydroperiod wetlands, including size thresholds and consideration of the resource benefits of water conservation.