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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to extending the authority of the department of environmental conservation to manage clams

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 13-0325 of the environmental  
2 conservation law, as amended by chapter 481 of the laws of 2011, is  
3 amended to read as follows:  
4     8. The department may, until December 31, [2014] 2016, adopt by regu-  
5 lation measures for the management of hard clams (*Mercenaria mercena-*  
6 *ria*), soft or steamer clams (*Mya arenaria*), and razor clams (*Ensis* sp.),  
7 including size limits, catch and possession limits, open and closed  
8 seasons, closed areas, restrictions on the manner of taking and landing,  
9 requirements for permits and eligibility therefor, recordkeeping and  
10 identification requirements, requirements on the amount and type of  
11 fishing effort and gear, and requirements relating to transportation,  
12 possession and sale, provided that such regulations are no less restric-  
13 tive than requirements set forth in this chapter.  
14     S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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