

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 9, 2022

Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT directing the department of environmental conservation to establish a deer management pilot program in the town of Southold

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

- 1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the department of environmental conservation is
- 2 hereby authorized and directed to establish a deer management pilot
- 3 program in the town of Southold. Such program shall:
- 4 a. set and modify deer hunting seasons and regulate methods of take
- 5 and bag limits in the town of Southold;
- 6 b. allow use of firearms to take deer during the regular season and
- 7 eliminate acreage minimums and special season constraints within the
- 8 town of Southold;
- 9 c. regulate crossbow use within the town of Southold, including when,
- 10 where, and who is eligible to use crossbows for the taking of deer;
- 11 d. set conditions under which hunters can receive some form of compensation for killing deer within the town of Southold;
- 12 e. allow 12- and 13-year-old hunters to hunt deer with the supervision
- 13 of a licensed, experienced adult within the town of Southold;
- 14 f. allow 12- and 13-year-old hunters to hunt using firearms from a
- 15 tree stand within the town of Southold, provided it is a tree stand
- 16 designed to accommodate two or more persons and provided further that
- 17 the supervising, experienced hunter is in the tree stand with the 12- or
- 18 13-year-old;
- 19 g. allow the department of environmental conservation to establish or
- 20 extend, as needed, a special January firearm season within the town of
- 21 Southold;
- 22 h. allow the department of environmental conservation to regulate the
- 23 standards for the harvesting of bucks or antlered deer within the town
- 24 of Southold;
- 25 i. establish other incentives for hunters and landowners to permit
- 26 public deer hunting on private land within the town of Southold;
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 j. issue any other rules or regulations as deemed necessary within the  
2 town of Southold;

3 k. regulate deer culling by qualified professionals under circum-  
4 stances holding special permits, including:

5 (i) authorizing the department of environmental conservation to issue  
6 special permits for qualified professionals under controlled circum-  
7 stances to conduct professional culling within the town of Southold;

8 (ii) granting the department of environmental conservation full regu-  
9 latory authority over the issuance of such special permits and granting  
10 the department authority to establish any rules and regulations neces-  
11 sary within the town of Southold, including but not limited to:

12 (1) authorizing the use of bait within 300 feet of a road;

13 (2) authorizing special permit holders to shoot from a vehicle;

14 (3) authorizing special permit holders to discharge firearms within  
15 500 feet of a dwelling or structure;

16 (4) authorizing the use of firearms equipped with sound suppression;

17 (5) authorizing the use of rifles; and

18 (6) any other rules or regulations for such special permits as the  
19 department of environmental conservation deems fit within the town of  
20 Southold.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.