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Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing a registry program for saltwater recreational anglers; and to repeal section 13-0355 of the environmental conservation law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Section 13-0355 of the environmental conservation law is REPEALED and a new section 13-0355 is added to read as follows:

S 13-0355. REGISTRY PROGRAM FOR SALTWATER RECREATIONAL ANGLERS.

1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN A REGISTRY PROGRAM FOR SALTWATER RECREATIONAL ANGLERS WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR:

A. THE REGISTRATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IDENTIFICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ENGAGE IN RECREATIONAL FISHING IN THE NEW YORK STATE MARINE AND COASTAL DISTRICT; AND

B. THE REGISTRATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE OWNER, OPERATOR AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE VESSEL IF SUCH VESSEL IS USED IN FISHING.

2. A. THE REGISTRY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE REGISTRY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE "MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2006" (16 U.S.C. S 1801 ET SEQ.).

B. UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGISTRY PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPLY TO THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR THE EXEMPTED STATE DESIGNATION FROM FEDERAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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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