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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to authorizing persons to hunt with a crossbow

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 3-0301 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new paragraph dd to read as follows:

DD. ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN PROMULGATE STANDARDS TO ALLOW FOR LEGALIZED CROSSBOW HUNTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE INCLUDING THE USE OF A CROSSBOW ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AS A LEGAL HUNTING IMPLEMENT DURING ANY DEER HUNTING SEASON. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TERM "CROSSBOW" SHALL MEAN A BOW AND STRING (EITHER COMPOUND OR RECURVE) THAT LAUNCHES A MINIMUM FOURTEEN INCH ARROW (NOT INCLUDING POINT), MOUNTED UPON A STOCK WITH A TRIGGER THAT HOLDS THE STRING AND LIMBS UNDER TENSION UNTIL RELEASED. THE TRIGGER UNIT MUST HAVE A WORKING SAFETY. THE MINIMUM LIMB WIDTH TO A CROSSBOW SHALL BE SEVENTEEN INCHES, HAVE A MINIMUM PEAK DRAW WEIGHT OF ONE HUNDRED POUNDS AND A MAXIMUM PEAK DRAW WEIGHT OF TWO HUNDRED POUNDS. THE MINIMUM OVERALL LENGTH OF A CROSSBOW FROM BUTT TO STOCK TO FRONT OF LIMBS SHALL BE TWENTY-FOUR INCHES.

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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