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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing the yearling buck protection program

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 11-0914 to read as follows:

S 11-0914. YEARLING BUCK PROTECTION PROGRAM.

1. DEFINITIONS. A. AN "ANTLERED DEER" IS DEFINED AS A DEER WITH AT LEAST ONE ANTLER MEASURING THREE INCHES OR MORE IN LENGTH.

B. "WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT" MEANS WILDLIFE REGIONS AS DEMARCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

2. RESTRICTIONS AND APPLICATION. A. ANY PERSON WHO HUNTS OR TAKES DEER UNDER A VALID PERMIT OR LICENSE DURING THE BOWHUNTING, REGULAR AND MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS IS RESTRICTED TO THE HUNTING OR TAKING OF DEER WITH AT LEAST ONE ANTLER WITH AT LEAST THREE POINTS. EACH POINT MUST BE AT LEAST ONE INCH LONG MEASURED FROM THE MAIN ANTLER BEAM.

B. THIS PROGRAM APPLIES TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND WITHIN THE SPECIFIED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS.

3. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS. THESE RESTRICTIONS SHALL ONLY APPLY TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS 3C, 3H, 3J, 3K, AND THAT PORTION OF UNIT 3A SOUTH AND WEST OF STATE ROUTE TWENTY-EIGHT.

4. EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS. HUNTERS UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND MAY TAKE ANY DEER WITH AN ANTLER OR ANTLERS MEASURING THREE INCHES OR MORE IN LENGTH.

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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