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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to exempting active duty military personnel from taking required hunting courses for purposes of obtaining a hunting license

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 11-0713 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 27 of part F of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended and a new subparagraph 4 is added to read as follows:

(3) a certificate of qualification in responsible hunting, responsible bowhunting and responsible trapping practices, including safety, ethics and landowner-hunter relations, issued or honored by the department, pursuant to this subdivision[.]; OR

(4) PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MILITARY FORCES AND ENGAGED IN FULL-TIME ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES BY A RESIDENT OF THE STATE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

(A) "ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY" SHALL MEAN MILITARY DUTY IN OR WITH A FORCE OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA (NOT INCLUDING THE INACTIVE NATIONAL GUARD AND NOT INCLUDING THE NEW YORK GUARD WHEN IN AN INACTIVE STATUS) OR IN THE DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE; AND

(B) "ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES" SHALL MEAN FULL-TIME DUTY IN THE ARMY, NAVY (INCLUDING MARINE CORPS), AIR FORCE OR COAST GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES.

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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