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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to reducing the required minimum age for obtaining a junior archery license

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

- 1 Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 11-0701 of the
2 environmental conservation law, as amended by section 7 of part F of
3 chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:
4 c. A junior archery license entitles a resident holder who is between
5 the ages of [fourteen] TWELVE and sixteen years to hunt wild deer and
6 bear with a longbow during the special archery season and during the
7 regular season, as provided in title 9 of this article, as if such
8 person held a license which authorizes the holder to hunt big game with
9 a bowhunting stamp affixed, subject to the provisions of section 11-0929
10 and subdivision 3 of section 11-0713 of this article. It entitles a
11 non-resident holder who is between the ages of [fourteen] TWELVE and
12 sixteen years to hunt wild deer and bear with a longbow during the
13 special archery season and during the regular season, as provided in
14 title 9 of this article, as if such person held a non-resident bowhunt-
15 ing license, a non-resident license which authorizes the holder to hunt
16 deer and a non-resident bear tag, subject to the provisions of section
17 11-0929 and subdivision 3 of section 11-0713 of this article.
18 S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 11-0713 of the environmental conserva-
19 tion law, as amended by chapter 344 of the laws of 2008, is amended to
20 read as follows:
21 2. The issuing officer shall not issue a junior archery license to a
22 person between the ages of [fourteen] TWELVE and sixteen or a junior
23 hunting license to a person between the ages of twelve and sixteen years

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 unless at the time of issuance applicant is accompanied by his or her
2 parent or legal guardian who shall consent to the issuance of the
3 license and shall so signify by signing his OR HER name in ink across
4 the face of it. At no time shall such licenses be issued by mail to
5 persons between the ages of twelve and sixteen years.

6 S 3. Subdivision 3 of section 11-0719 of the environmental conserva-
7 tion law, as amended by chapter 344 of the laws of 2008, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 3. A junior hunting license issued to a person who is at least twelve
10 and less than sixteen years of age or a junior archery license issued to
11 a person who is [fourteen or fifteen] BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWELVE AND
12 SIXTEEN years [of age] may be revoked by the department upon proof
13 satisfactory to the department that such person, while under the age of
14 sixteen, has engaged in hunting wildlife with a gun or longbow, in
15 circumstances in which a license is required, while not accompanied by
16 his or her parent, guardian or other adult as provided in section
17 11-0929 of this article. If such license or privilege is revoked the
18 department shall fix the period of such revocation, which is not to
19 exceed four years. The department may require that such person success-
20 fully complete a department sponsored course and obtain a certificate of
21 qualification in responsible hunting or responsible bowhunting practices
22 before being issued another hunting or bowhunting license.

23 S 4. Subdivision 3 of section 11-0929 of the environmental conserva-
24 tion law, as amended by chapter 344 of the laws of 2008, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 3. A licensee who is BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWELVE AND sixteen [or seven-
27 teen] years [of age] and who has not previously had a license which
28 authorizes the holder to hunt big game issued to him or her and engaged
29 in hunting pursuant to it shall not hunt deer or bear unless he or she
30 is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian, or by a person
31 designated in writing by his or her parent or legal guardian on a form
32 prescribed by the department and who is eighteen years of age or older
33 and who has had at least one year's experience in hunting deer or bear,
34 and such accompanying parent, guardian or person holds a license which
35 authorizes the holder to hunt big game.

36 S 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
37 have become a law.