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Introduced by M. of A. THIELE, PALUMBO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading -- again amended on third reading, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to hunting in Suffolk county

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

Section 1. Paragraphs b, c, d, e, f and g of subdivision 7 of section 11-0903 of the environmental conservation law are relettered paragraphs c, d, e, f, g and h.

S 2. Paragraphs a, c and h of subdivision 7 of section 11-0903 of the environmental conservation law, paragraph c as amended by section 35 of part F of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002 and as relettered by section one of this act, paragraph h as amended by chapter 143 of the laws of 1982 and as relettered by section one of this act, and such subdivision as renumbered by chapter 911 of the laws of 1990, are amended to read as follows:

a. [Such] IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, SUCH season shall not include Saturdays or Sundays [and];

B. SUCH SEASON shall not commence earlier than during the first full week in January nor shall it continue later than January 31 in any year;

c. Deer may be taken only by holders of a license authorizing the taking of big game who have also obtained a special permit provided by the department and issued by the town clerk of each town where such season is fixed; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IN SUFFOLK COUNTY A TOWN MAY, BY LOCAL LAW, WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT A PERMIT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE DEER DURING SUCH SEASONS;

h. Such a season shall be fixed only in towns or parts thereof where the discharge of firearms is not prohibited by town ordinance, and deer shall be taken only by means of shotguns using a single ball or slug or

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

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muzzle loading firearms[;], PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT A DEER MAY ALSO BE TAKEN BY LONG BOW IN SUFFOLK COUNTY.

S 3. a. Any local law authorizing a town to waive the requirement that a permit is necessary to take deer pursuant to subdivision 7 of section 11-0903 of the environmental conservation law must be passed by the local legislature prior to June first and shall apply to all open seasons established pursuant to such subdivision that commence after such passage until such local law is repealed.

b. Any town in Suffolk county that waives the permit requirements of subdivision 7 of section 11-0903 of the environmental conservation law shall notify the department of the passage of the local law authorizing such action by the town on the same date that the town sends notification of the final adoption of such local law to the department of state pursuant to section 27 of the municipal home rule law.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.