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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- (at request of the Department of Environmental Conservation) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to extending the authority of the department of environmental conservation to manage weakfish

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

Section 1. Section 13-0340-a of the environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as 3 follows:

4 S 13-0340-a. Weakfish (Cynoscion regalis).

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The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand [four-6 teen] EIGHTEEN, fix by regulation measures for the management of weakfish (Cynoscion regalis), including size limits, catch and possession 7 8 limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas, restrictions on 9 manner of taking and landing, requirements for permits and eligibility therefor, recordkeeping requirements, requirements on the amount and 10 type of fishing effort and gear, and requirements relating to transpor-11 tation, possession and sale, provided that such regulations are no less 12 13 restrictive than requirements set forth in this chapter and provided 14 further that such regulations are consistent with the compliance applicable fishery management plans adopted by the 15 requirements of Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and 16 with applicable 17 provisions of fishery management plans adopted pursuant to the Federal Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. S 1800 et seq.). 18

19 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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