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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HYNDMAN, ENGLEBRIGHT -- (at request of the Department of Environmental Conservation) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to 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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 13-0340-a of the environmental conservation law, as 2 amended by chapter 161 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as 3 follows:

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

5 The department may, until December thirty-first, two 6 [sixteen] NINETEEN, fix by regulation measures for the management of weakfish (Cynoscion regalis), including size 7 limits, catch possession limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas, restrictions 8 9 on the manner of taking and landing, requirements for permits and eligibility therefor, recordkeeping requirements, requirements on the amount 10 and type of fishing effort and gear, and requirements relating to trans-11 12 portation, possession and sale, provided that such regulations are no 13 less restrictive than requirements set forth in this chapter and provided further that such regulations are consistent with the compli-14 ance requirements of applicable fishery management plans adopted by the 15 Marine Fisheries Commission and with applicable 16 Atlantic States 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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