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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to requiring the department of environmental conservation to issue documentation of hunter safety course completion

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 11-0713 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

D. A PERSON WHO HOLDS A LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE AUTHORIZING THE HOLDER TO HUNT, FISH, OR TRAP AND WHO HAS LOST OR ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYED DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING COMPLETION OF A NEW YORK HUNTER SAFETY COURSE AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY FOR REPLACEMENT EDUCATION CERTIFICATES FOR A COMMISSION OF ONE DOLLAR TO THE ISSUING AGENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SUCH A DUPLICATE WHEN SATISFIED THE APPLICATION IS MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

S 2. Paragraph c of subdivision 3 of section 11-0713 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 3 of part R of chapter 58 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

c. Certifications of qualification in responsible hunting, responsible bowhunting and responsible trapping practices may be made by duly qualified and designated persons, whose fitness to give instructions in said practices has been determined by an agent of the department. The department may designate any person it deems qualified to act as its agent in the giving of instruction and the making of certification. No charge shall be made for any certificate or instruction given to a person to qualify him or her to obtain a license or privilege other than for certain instruction and materials accredited by the department to provide preparation for final instruction and testing by agents of the

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

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department [or for replacement education certificates for a commission of one dollar to the issuing agent]. The department shall make available to the public courses without charge which do not require additional preparation at the expense of students, and may also offer optional courses which require preparatory instruction which may be at the expense of the student. The department may make rules and regulations which in its opinion effectuate better the purpose of this subdivision.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.