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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ, GUNTHER, COLTON, WEPRIN, HOOPER, COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs -- recommitted to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the issuance of deer management permits for certain service-connected disabled veterans

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 11-0913 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 46 of part F of chapter 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

b. In the issuance of permits, the department may give preference to resident license holders and may give preference to **service-connected** disabled veterans having 40 percent or greater **service-connected** disability **as evidenced by a compensation rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense who shall only have to provide proof of service-connected disability at the time of initial issuance of the permit**, and to the applications of groups which include a person or the spouse of a person, provided that such spouse lives in the same household, who owns at least 50 acres of land in one parcel in the specified area.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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