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Introduced by Sens. O'MARA, AMEDORE, DeFRANCISCO, FUNKE, LARKIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing the yearling buck protection program

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

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 11-0935 to read as follows:

§ 11-0935. Yearling buck protection program.

1. Definitions. a. "Antlered deer" means a deer with at least one antler measuring three inches or more in length.

b. "Wildlife management unit" means wildlife regions as demarcated by the department.

2. Restrictions and applicability. a. Any person who hunts or takes antlered deer under a valid permit or license during the bow hunting, regular and muzzleloading deer seasons is restricted to the hunting or taking of antlered deer with at least one antler with at least three points in wildlife management units 3F, 3G, 3M, 3N, 3P, 3R, 4B, 4C, 4F, 4H, 4J, 4K, 4L, 4T, 4U, 4Y, 4Z, 5R, 5S, 5T, 7M, 7P, 6A, 6G, 6H, 6C, 6K and taking of antlered deer with at least one antler with at least four points in wildlife management units 7R, 7S, 8N, 8P, 8R, 8T, 8W, 8X, 8Y, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M, 9N, 9P, 9R, 9S, 9T, 9W, 9X, 9Y, 7A, 7F, 7J, 6P, 6S, 6R, and 4A; each point must be at least one inch long measured from the main antler beam.

b. The yearling buck protection program applies to all public and private land within the wildlife management units set forth in this section.

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

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3. Applicability. The restrictions set forth in this section shall only apply to the wildlife management units set forth in this section.

4. Exemptions from requirements. Hunters under the age of seventeen are exempt from the provisions of this section and may take any deer with antler or antlers measuring three inches or more in length.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.