STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 13, 2018

Introduced by Sen. O'MARA -- (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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to extending the authority of the department of environmental conservation to adopt regulations for hunting in the northern zone

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

Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 8 of section 11-0907 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 211 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

c. Until December thirty-first, two thousand [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one, such special season for the Northern Zone or any portion thereof may by regulation be for up to a fourteen-day period preceding the regular open season for deer stated in column two of the table set forth in subdivision 2 of this section or may be for up to a fourteen-day period following such open season or any combination thereof, provided that a maximum of sixteen days is not exceeded for any open area. Regulations establishing such Northern Zone muzzle-loading firearm big game season may specify the taking of deer of either sex, antlerless deer only, legal bucks only, or any combination thereof, and may require that persons participating in the Northern Zone muzzle-loading firearm big game season obtain a special permit from the department. When establishing these regulations, the department must consider the condition of the herd and communities', property owners', hunters' and other relevant interests.

§ 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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