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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. FITZPATRICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to recreational and commercial spearfishing in New York's marine and coastal waters

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 11-1301 of the
2 environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 435 of the laws of
3 2014, is amended to read as follows:

4 c. Except as otherwise prohibited by law, fish may be taken by spear
5 or speargun in the marine and coastal district [~~only~~] for recreational
6 and commercial purposes. A speargun must be submerged when used to take
7 fish. Provided, however, that no food fish may be taken by spear or
8 speargun within one hundred yards of a public bathing area.

9 § 2. Section 13-0347 of the environmental conservation law is amended
10 by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

11 5. Striped bass may be taken in New York's marine and coastal district
12 for all purposes by use of a spear or speargun as defined by paragraph f
13 of subdivision one of section 11-0103 of this chapter.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that
15 the amendments to paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 11-1301 of the
16 environmental conservation law made by section one of this act shall not
17 affect the repeal of such paragraph and shall be deemed repealed there-
18 with.

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

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