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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the prohibition of marksmanship and/or shooting programs in public schools

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

Section 1. Section 809-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 442 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

§ 809-a. Instruction in [~~the safe use of firearms~~] **conservation** and in the game laws. The officer, board, or commission authorized or required to prescribe courses of instructions in any school under state control, may authorize instructions to be given in the [~~safe and proper use of firearms allowed by law to be used in the taking of wild game, and may also authorize instructions to be given in the~~] study of game laws and of proper hunting and conservation practices**, provided that firearms are not used by students or discharged on school grounds**. Such courses of instruction shall be approved by both the education department and the department of environmental conservation.

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 809-b to read as follows:

§ 809-b. Prohibition of marksmanship and/or shooting programs. 1. No public school shall offer marksmanship and/or shooting programs.

2. For purposes of this section, marksmanship and/or shooting programs shall include any competitive and recreational sporting activities involving proficiency tests of accuracy, precision and speed in using various types of ranged weapons, such as firearms and air guns, in forms such as handguns, rifles and shotguns.

3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to competitive and recreational archery programs.

§ 3. 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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