

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

February 1, 2021

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Introduced by M. of A. SALKA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to lowering from 12 years to 10 years the minimum age of a child authorized to engage in supervised loading and firing of rifles, shotguns and pistols, and increasing from 18 years to 21 years the minimum age of the designated supervisor of such a child

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs 7, 7-c and 7-d of subdivision a of section  
2 265.20 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 150 of the laws of 2020,  
3 are amended to read as follows:

4 7. Possession, at an indoor or outdoor shooting range for the purpose  
5 of loading and firing, of a rifle or shotgun, the propelling force of  
6 which is gunpowder by a person under sixteen years of age but not under  
7 [~~twelve~~] ten, under the immediate supervision, guidance and instruction  
8 of (a) a duly commissioned officer of the United States army, navy, air  
9 force, marine corps or coast guard, or of the national guard of the  
10 state of New York; or (b) a duly qualified adult citizen of the United  
11 States who has been granted a certificate as an instructor in small arms  
12 practice issued by the United States army, navy, air force or marine  
13 corps, or by the adjutant general of this state, by the national rifle  
14 association of America, a not-for-profit corporation duly organized  
15 under the laws of this state, or by a New York state 4-H certified  
16 shooting sports instructor; or (c) a parent, guardian, or a person over  
17 the age of [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one designated in writing by such parent or  
18 guardian who shall have a certificate of qualification in responsible  
19 hunting, including safety, ethics, and landowner relations-hunter  
20 relations, issued or honored by the department of environmental conser-  
21 vation; or (d) an agent of the department of environmental conservation

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

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1 appointed to conduct courses in responsible hunting practices pursuant  
2 to article eleven of the environmental conservation law.

3 7-c. Possession for the purpose of loading and firing, of a rifle,  
4 pistol or shotgun, the propelling force of which may be either air,  
5 compressed gas or springs, by a person under sixteen years of age but  
6 not under [~~twelve~~] ten, under the immediate supervision, guidance and  
7 instruction of (a) a duly commissioned officer of the United States  
8 army, navy, marine corps or coast guard, or of the national guard of the  
9 state of New York; or (b) a duly qualified adult citizen of the United  
10 States who has been granted a certificate as an instructor in small arms  
11 practice issued by the United States army, navy or marine corps, or by  
12 the adjutant general of this state, by the national rifle association of  
13 America, a not-for-profit corporation duly organized under the laws of  
14 this state, or by a New York state 4-H certified shooting sports  
15 instructor; or (c) a parent, guardian, or a person over the age of  
16 [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one designated in writing by such parent or guardian  
17 who shall have a certificate of qualification in responsible hunting,  
18 including safety, ethics, and landowner relations-hunter relations,  
19 issued or honored by the department of environmental conservation.

20 7-d. Possession, at an indoor or outdoor shooting range for the  
21 purpose of loading and firing, of a rifle, pistol or shotgun, the  
22 propelling force of which may be either air, compressed gas or springs,  
23 by a person under [~~twelve~~] ten years of age, under the immediate super-  
24 vision, guidance and instruction of (a) a duly commissioned officer of  
25 the United States army, navy, marine corps or coast guard, or of the  
26 national guard of the state of New York; or (b) a duly qualified adult  
27 citizen of the United States who has been granted a certificate as an  
28 instructor in small arms practice issued by the United States army, navy  
29 or marine corps, or by the adjutant general of this state, by the  
30 national rifle association of America, a not-for-profit corporation duly  
31 organized under the laws of this state, or by a New York state 4-H  
32 certified shooting sports instructor; or (c) a parent, guardian, or a  
33 person over the age of [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one designated in writing by  
34 such parent or guardian who shall have a certificate of qualification in  
35 responsible hunting, including safety, ethics, and landowner relations-  
36 hunter relations, issued or honored by the department of environmental  
37 conservation.

38 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
39 have become a law.