

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DiPIETRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to taking big and small game by crossbow in Wyoming county

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 10 of section 11-0907 of the environmental
2 conservation law, as added by section 14 of part EE of chapter 55 of the
3 laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

4 10. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, or any prior
5 notwithstanding language in this article, the department may, by regu-
6 lation, authorize the taking of big game by the use of a crossbow by any
7 licensed person in any big game season in any area designated in items
8 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (k) and (l) of paragraph a of subdi-
9 vision two of this section in which a shotgun or muzzle loader is
10 permitted provided however, that any crossbow use during an archery-only
11 season shall only take place during the last fourteen consecutive days
12 of such archery-only season in the southern zone provided that such
13 archery-only season shall consist of not less than forty-five days,
14 except that the department shall authorize the use of such crossbow for
15 the taking of big game by any licensed person for use during the entire-
16 ty of the archery-only season within Wyoming county, and only during the
17 last ten consecutive days of any archery-only season in the northern
18 zone provided that such archery-only season shall consist of no less
19 than twenty-three days. Any muzzle loading season which occurs at the
20 same time as a special archery season may only occur during times when
21 crossbows are authorized to be used.

22 § 2. Section 11-0933 of the environmental conservation law, as added
23 by section 22 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 § 11-0933. Taking small game by crossbow.

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

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1 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, or any prior notwith-
2 standing language in this article, the department may, by regulation,
3 authorize the taking of small game and wild upland game birds by the use
4 of a crossbow by any licensed person fourteen years of age or older, in
5 any small game season, in any area designated in items (a), (b), (c),
6 (d), (e), (f), (i), (k), and (l) of paragraph a of subdivision two of
7 section 11-0907 of this title in which a shotgun or muzzle loader is
8 permitted provided however, that the department shall authorize the use
9 of such crossbow during the entirety of the archery-only season within
10 Wyoming county.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
12 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
13 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
14 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
15 on or before such effective date.