STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 13, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to deer management permits; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 and subdivision 8 of section 11-0913 of the environmental conservation law, paragraph a of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 183 of the laws of 2024 and subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 267 of the laws of 1978, are amended to read as follows:

a. Until December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-seven, whenever in its opinion the population of deer in any area of the state [~~except in the northern zone~~] is such that additional harvest of deer is reasonably necessary to properly manage the deer herd in the state in balance with the available deer range and natural food supply, the department may provide by regulation for issuance of deer management permits, permitting the taking of one deer for the permit, in addition to the limit of one deer that may otherwise be taken by one person in a license year.

8. [~~Except with respect to deer management unit thirty-four the provision of this section shall not apply to the "Northern Zone" of the state as defined in subdivision sixteen of section 11-0103 of this chapter~~] **The department is authorized and directed to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary to more particularly describe areas of land set forth in this section**.

§ 2. Subdivision 9 of section 11-0913 of the environmental conservation law is REPEALED.

§ 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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