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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. O'MARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to removing restrictions on crossbow size and draw weight when used for hunting

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 9 of paragraph b of subdivision 4 of section
2 11-0901 of the environmental conservation law, as added by section 6 of
3 part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (9) with a crossbow unless [~~such crossbow shall consist of a bow and~~
6 ~~string, either compound or recurve, that launches a minimum fourteen~~
7 ~~inch bolt, not including point, mounted upon a stock with a trigger that~~
8 ~~holds the string and limbs under tension until released. The~~] the trig-
9 ger unit of such crossbow [~~must have~~] has a working safety. [~~The minimum~~
10 ~~limb width of such crossbow shall be seventeen inches, have a minimum~~
11 ~~peak draw weight of one hundred pounds and a maximum peak draw weight of~~
12 ~~two hundred pounds. The minimum overall length of such crossbow from~~
13 ~~buttstock to front of limbs shall be twenty four inches.~~]

14 § 2. Subparagraph 9 of paragraph c of subdivision 4 of section 11-0901
15 of the environmental conservation law, as added by section 7 of part EE
16 of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

17 (9) with a crossbow unless [~~such crossbow shall consist of a bow and~~
18 ~~string, either compound or recurve, that launches a minimum fourteen~~
19 ~~inch bolt, not including point, mounted upon a stock with a trigger that~~
20 ~~holds the string and limbs under tension until released. The~~] the trig-
21 ger unit of such crossbow [~~must have~~] has a working safety. [~~The minimum~~
22 ~~limb width of such crossbow shall be seventeen inches, have a minimum~~
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24 ~~two hundred pounds. The minimum overall length of such crossbow from~~
25 ~~buttstock to front of limbs shall be twenty four inches.~~]

26 § 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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