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Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- (at request of the Department of Environmental Conservation) -- 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 extending the authority of the department of environmental conservation to manage clams

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 13-0325 of the environmental
2 conservation law, as amended by chapter 369 of the laws of 2022, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 8. The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand
5 [~~twenty-five~~] twenty-eight, adopt by regulation measures for the manage-
6 ment of hard clams (*Mercenaria mercenaria*), soft or steamer clams (*Mya*
7 *arenaria*), and razor clams (*Ensis* sp.), including size limits, catch and
8 possession limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas, restrictions
9 on the manner of taking and landing, requirements for permits and eligi-
10 bility therefor, recordkeeping and identification requirements, require-
11 ments on the amount and type of fishing effort and gear, and require-
12 ments relating to transportation, possession and sale, provided that
13 such regulations are no less restrictive than requirements set forth in
14 this chapter.

15 § 2. 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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