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## IN SENATE

March 16, 2023

Introduced by Sens. MANNION, ASHBY, GALLIVAN, O'MARA, STEC, WALCZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- recommitted to the Committee on Environmental Conservation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the hunting of deer with a crossbow

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of subdivision 3 of section 11-0701 of  
2 the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 1-a of part R  
3 of chapter 58 of the laws of 2013, are amended and a new paragraph 4 is  
4 added to read as follows:

5 (2) who is eighteen years of age or older to hunt wild deer and bear  
6 with a longbow, as provided in title [9] nine of this article, in a  
7 special longbow season; ~~and~~

8 (3) who is sixteen or seventeen years of age to exercise the same  
9 privileges subject to the provisions of section 11-0929 and subdivision  
10 3 of section 11-0713 of this article~~[-]~~; and

11 (4) who is sixty years of age or older to hunt deer with a crossbow,  
12 as provided in title nine of this article, in a special archery season.  
13 The department shall adopt regulations to allow the hunting of deer by  
14 the use of a crossbow to any person sixty years of age or older in a  
15 special archery season, subject to such restrictions as the department  
16 may adopt by regulation. The department shall adopt regulations requir-  
17 ing documentation to establish that an applicant is eligible to use a  
18 crossbow pursuant to this paragraph.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2025. Effective immediately,  
20 the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-  
21 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
22 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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