

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2118

Subject A resolution to petition the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to provide disabled veterans the use of a crossbow during the entire big game bow hunting season.

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

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Whereas, Of the approximately 700,000 veterans living in New York State 16.6% or approximately 117,457 have a service connected disability and

Whereas, Many disabled service members enjoy the sport of hunting New York State's big game; deer and bear, and

Whereas, Many of the disabled veterans have limited mobility and are not able to use a traditional longbow or recurve bow due to their disability, and

Whereas, The use of a crossbow is limited to only the last 14 days of the early bow hunting season in the Southern Zone and only the last 10 days of the early bow hunting season in the Northern Zone, and

Whereas, The use of a crossbow during the entire bow hunting and muzzleloader hunting seasons would provide disabled veterans the ability to participate in a longer more enjoyable season, and

Whereas, There would be no financial impact to New York State by granting disabled veterans the use of the crossbow during the entire bow hunting season, now

RESOLVED, Therefor be it resolved that the members of the American Legion of Richmond County assembled in convention June 18, 2021 respectfully request that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant disabled veterans the right to use a crossbow as a legal hunting implement during the entire bow hunting seasons, and

RESOLVED, Therefor be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the American Legion Department of New York for consideration and approval at the annual convention July 28 thru 30th 2021 in Albany, and

Be it finally Resolved that if approved copies of this resolution be forwarded to DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos and Governor Andrew Cuomo, Veterans Affairs Committee of NYS Senate and Assembly for action and support.

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Approved X Rejected

Approved with Amendments

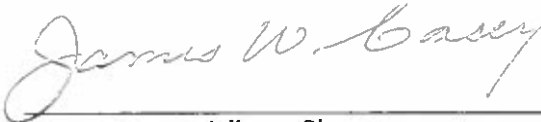
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Other Action

Signature
(Chairman)



Adjutant Signature

New York
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Michael R. Suter, Chairman
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