By Legislators Barnhart and Baynes
Intro. No
MOTION NO OF 2025
PROVIDING THAT LOCAL LAW (INTRO. NO. 304 OF 2025), ENTITLED "AMENDING CHAPTER 280 OF THE GENERAL LOCAL LAWS OF MONROE COUNTY ENTITLED JUNIOR DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM," BE ADOPTED
BE IT MOVED, that Local Law (Intro. No. 304 of 2025), entitled "AMENDING CHAPTER 286 OF THE GENERAL LOCAL LAWS OF MONROE COUNTY ENTITLED JUNIOR DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM," be adopted.
File No. 25-0268.LL
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Intro. No. 304

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2025

ENACT A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 286 OF THE GENERAL LOCAL LAWS OF MONROE COUNTY ENTITLED "JUNIOR DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 286 of the General Local Laws of Monroe County is hereby amended as follows:

Legislative intent. The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Monroe County to permit 12- and 13-year-old individuals to participate in the new hunting opportunities pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget included a pilot program expanding the opportunity for young hunters, aged 12 and/or 13, to hunt with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a County authorizes such participation in the pilot program within their municipality via local law and this provision was later extended through 2025. Monroe County's hunters are a large and important part of our community and this opportunity would allow adult hunters the ability to introduce and teach the proper values and ethics of hunting to the next generation. In addition, teaching such safe, proper and lawful hunting methods to young people will provide a rewarding and productive experience while providing food to families across the area and contributing to deer population control efforts.

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Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature shall notify the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation upon final adoption of this local law in accordance with Section 11-0935 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect after filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

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Subject:

Enacting a Local Law Amending Chapter 286 of the General Local Laws of the Administrative Code of Monroe County Entitled "Junior Deer Hunting

Pilot Program"

Honorable Legislators:

In 2021, this Honorable Body enacted a local law pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935 that created a Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program. Prior to the adoption of the 2021-22 New York State Budget, the minimum age for a junior hunter to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow with adult supervision was fourteen (14). Section 11-0935 of the Environmental Conservation Law allows counties to create pilot programs for twelve- and thirteen-year-olds and has now been extended through December 31, 2030. This local law would make it so Monroe County would not have to continuously pass legislation each time New York State extends the program. The Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program offers an opportunity for young outdoor enthusiasts to engage in one of New York State's most popular recreational activities. With hunting being a significant part of the state's cultural and ecological landscape, extending this program would ensure that young hunters receive the proper guidance and education from experienced adults. This would not only enhance their skills but also instill a deep respect for wildlife conservation and safety, developing a new generation of responsible hunters.

By indefinitely extending the Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program, we can continue to provide young hunters with invaluable hands-on experience that cannot be replicated in a classroom setting. The mentorship from seasoned hunters helps young participants learn essential skills such as tracking, patience, and ethical hunting practices. These skills are not only crucial for hunting but also teach valuable life lessons about responsibility, respect for nature, and the importance of conservation efforts.

Safety is a paramount concern, and the structured environment of the Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program ensures that all participants are taught the necessary safety protocols and ethical standards. The program includes comprehensive safety measures and supervised hunting experiences, reducing the risk of accidents and promoting a culture of safety among young hunters. Extending the program will allow more young people to learn these critical safety practices in a controlled and supportive environment.

Finally, extending the Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program aligns with broader conservation and wildlife management goals. By fostering an appreciation for hunting and wildlife management

at a young age, the program helps ensure the long-term sustainability of New York's diverse ecosystems. Participants learn about the balance between wildlife populations and their habitats and how responsible hunting practices contribute to this balance. This educational component is crucial for developing informed and conscientious hunters who will continue to support and advocate for conservation efforts throughout their lives.

The specific legislative actions required are:

- 1) Schedule and hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law.
- 2) Adopt the Local Law as attached.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environment Quality Review Act. This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

We ask that this referral be deemed a Matter of Urgency so that a public hearing may be held at the September 9 meeting of the Legislature for final passage by your Honorable Body before deer hunting season begins on September 27.

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