

September 11, 2023

Finance Committee: 8-28-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 289-2023

**ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2023,
“ALLOWING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH
A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE
SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER” AND RESCINDING
LOCAL LAW B FOR THE YEAR 2021**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Denesha, District 6;
Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Webster, District 11

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

- Section 1. Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, St. Lawrence County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2025.
- Section 2. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer, under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used.
- Section 3. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows.
- Section 4. Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required.
- Section 5. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York.
- Section 6. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader.
- Section 7. Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds with a firearm or crossbow.
- Section 8. A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation.

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Section 9. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 289-2023 Entitled "Adopting Proposed Local Law A (No.) for the Year 2023, "Allowing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter" And Rescinding Local Law B For The Year 2021", adopted September 11, 2023, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 12, 2023