



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

Governor Signs Bill Favored By Cortland County Sportsmen

JAMES L. SEWARD July 18, 2012

ONEONTA, 07/19/12 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) announced today that Cortland County sportsmen and women will be allowed to use crossbows while hunting deer or bear during the regular big game season under legislation signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

“Cortland County was inadvertently left out when legislation permitting the use of a crossbow for big game hunting received approval in 2011. This legislation rectifies the situation,” said Senator Seward. **“Local sportsmen and women, along with the Cortland County Legislature, support the change and I am pleased their request is now law.”**

The bill (S.6705/A.9604A) amends section 11-0907 of the environmental conservation law to add Cortland County to the list of counties taking part in the experimental crossbow season that expires December 31, 2012. If crossbow authorization is extended the bill would expire January 1, 2014.

“Cortland County hunters were added to the list of those eligible to use rifles for big-game hunting in 2011 and experienced a safe and productive season. Allowing the use of crossbows will allow Cortland County to keep step with other counties while providing new opportunities for a variety of hunters including seniors and the disabled,” Seward concluded.

Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton was the prime sponsor in the assembly.

The law takes effect immediately.