



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

Senate Passes Bill to Lower Hunting Age in NY State

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) announces the Senate has passed legislation to lower the minimum age at which an individual may obtain a universal hunting license in New York State from fourteen years to twelve years. The bill (S.3156), co-sponsored by Gallivan, would amend the state's environmental conservation law and would require young hunters be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or a person 21 years of age or older designated in writing by a parent or legal guardian, who holds a valid hunting license.

“For many families, hunting is a tradition and a way of life,” Gallivan said. “Twelve and thirteen year olds who have been properly trained and who are under the supervision of an adult hunter should be allowed to participate in this popular activity.”

New York has among the most restrictive youth hunting laws in the nation. Advocates say by lowering the hunting age and removing unnecessary restrictions, parents will be allowed to teach their children important skills and share the culture enjoyed by generations of sportsmen and women.

The bill will be sent to the State Assembly.

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RELATED LEGISLATION

2017-S3156

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- Introduced

 - - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

 - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to lowering the age for universal hunting licenses from 14 years old to 12 years old

January 20, 2017

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?