



AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of
2 Environmental Protection shall have the authority to establish and
3 collect fees for parking, admission and other uses for a period of not
4 more than one year after the effective date of this section for properties
5 or facilities acquired by the Department of Environmental Protection
6 on or after July 1, 2001, that are designated as a state park, forest or
7 recreational facility. The department shall adopt regulations, in
8 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish fees and
9 collection practices at such properties or facilities.

10 Sec. 2. Section 26-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

12 (a) Resident licenses to firearms hunt, archery hunt, trap or fish, or
13 the combination thereof, shall be issued only to qualified applicants
14 therefor by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the town
15 clerk of any town, an agent of such town clerk deputized pursuant to
16 subsection (f) of this section or an agent of the [Commissioner of
17 Environmental Protection] commissioner licensed pursuant to
18 subsection (g) of this section. Such licenses shall be issued in such form
19 as the commissioner shall prescribe.

20 (b) Nonresident licenses shall be issued by the commissioner, any
21 town clerk, an agent of such town clerk or an agent of the
22 commissioner, except that nonresident trapping licenses shall be
23 issued by the commissioner.

24 (c) Applications shall be made on forms furnished by the
25 commissioner, containing such information as the commissioner may
26 require, and any such application forms shall have printed thereon, "I
27 declare under the penalties of false statement that the statements
28 herein made by me are true and correct." Any person who makes any
29 material false statement on such application form shall be guilty of
30 false statement and shall be subject to the penalties provided for false
31 statement, and said offense shall be deemed to have been committed in
32 the town in which such application is presented or received for
33 processing.

34 (d) No application shall contain any material false statement.

35 (e) The commissioner, town clerk, an agent of such town clerk or an
36 agent of the commissioner shall, upon receipt of such application,
37 correctly filled out and accompanied by the required fee, issue to such
38 applicant the appropriate license. If such application is by mail, the
39 town clerk shall mail such license to such applicant within five days
40 from the receipt of the application and proper fee.

41 (f) The town clerk of any town may deputize agents in such town to
42 issue firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping and fishing licenses,
43 or the combination thereof, provided he shall be solely responsible for
44 compliance with the provisions of the statutes relating to the duties of
45 the town clerk in connection with such licenses and the moneys
46 received therefor.

47 (g) The [Commissioner of Environmental Protection] commissioner
48 may, upon application by persons on forms furnished by the
49 commissioner and containing such information as the commissioner
50 may require, license such persons as agents for the issuance of firearms
51 hunting, archery hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, or the

52 combination thereof. Upon the request of any agent licensed by the
53 commissioner, the town clerk of the town in which such agent
54 conducts business shall sell license forms to such agent at the regular
55 license cost minus twenty-five cents for such agent's fee. Not later than
56 the first Monday of each month, such agent shall remit to the town
57 clerk from whom the license forms were purchased any license forms
58 voided by such agent and two copies of all licenses sold by such agent
59 during the preceding month. Upon the request of an agent, the town
60 clerk shall reimburse such agent for any unused or voided license
61 forms remitted to such town clerk.

62 Sec. 3. Section 26-48a of the general statutes is repealed and the
63 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

64 (a) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Environmental Protection
65 may establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with the
66 provisions of chapter 54, standards for the management of salmon,
67 migratory game birds in accordance with section 26-92, pheasant and
68 turkey which shall include provision for the issuance of permits, tags
69 or stamps. The commissioner may charge a fee for a permit, tag or
70 stamp as follows: Not more than ten dollars for turkey; not more than
71 two dollars for migratory game birds; not more than ten dollars for
72 pheasant and not more than twenty dollars for salmon. No person
73 shall be issued a permit, tag or stamp for migratory birds, pheasant or
74 turkey without first obtaining a license to hunt and no person shall be
75 issued a permit, tag or stamp for salmon without first obtaining a
76 license to fish. Notwithstanding any provision of any regulation to the
77 contrary, the commissioner may charge a fee of ten dollars for the
78 issuance of a permit to hunt wild turkey on state-owned or private
79 land during the fall season.

80 (b) Such permits, tags or stamps shall be issued to qualified
81 applicants by the commissioner or any town clerk. Application for
82 such permits, tags or stamps shall be on such form and require of the
83 applicant such information as the commissioner may prescribe. The
84 commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the

85 provisions of chapter 54 authorizing a town clerk to retain part of any
86 fee paid for a permit, tag or stamp issued by such town clerk pursuant
87 to this section, provided the amount retained shall not be less than fifty
88 cents.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

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