



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 592

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CONNECTICUT FISHERIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) No person shall take or
2 attempt to take any elver eel or silver eel from the waters of the state.
3 Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined
4 not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

5 Sec. 2. Section 26-141 of the general statutes, as amended by section
6 2 of public act 01-115, is repealed and the following is substituted in
7 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

8 Any person who violates any provision of this part for the violation
9 of which no other penalty is provided shall be fined [one hundred
10 fifty-four] two hundred fifty dollars. Each fish taken or possessed in
11 violation of any provision of this part shall constitute a separate
12 offense.

13 Sec. 3. Section 26-186 of the general statutes, as amended by section
14 3 of public act 01-115, is repealed and the following is substituted in
15 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

16 Any person who violates any provision of this part for which no
17 other penalty is provided shall be fined not more than [one hundred]
18 two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or

19 both, and each fish or crustacean taken or possessed in violation of any
20 provision of said sections shall constitute a separate offense.

21 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of
22 Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
23 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to protect and restore eelgrass,
24 including the protection of existing eelgrass beds from degradation,
25 the development of a restoration plan to restore eelgrass and the
26 periodic monitoring of the effectiveness of such measures to protect
27 and restore eelgrass.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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