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**"AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF THE THEFT OR LOSS
OF A FIREARM AND REQUIRING A LOCAL PERMIT FOR THE
RETAIL SALE OF FIREARMS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, Sunday shall
6 be a closed season except for the purpose of trapping under the
7 provisions of this chapter. The possession in the open air on Sunday of
8 any implement for hunting shall be prima facie evidence of hunting in
9 violation of the provisions of this section. No provision of this section
10 shall be construed so as to affect any provision of section 26-31, 26-48,
11 26-52 or 27-35 or apply to the use of bow and arrow for purposes other
12 than hunting. Artificially propagated birds designated by the
13 commissioner may be shot on Sundays on licensed private shooting
14 preserves subject to such regulations of the commissioner as may

15 apply to such private shooting preserves, provided permission so to
16 shoot has been obtained from the town or towns within which such
17 licensed private shooting preserves are located.

18 (b) Hunting on Sunday is allowed on private property by use of
19 bow and arrow provided a written consent to such activity is obtained
20 from the owner, lessee or agent of such land and such consent is
21 carried by any person engaged in such hunting. No person shall hunt
22 on Sunday without first obtaining a Sunday hunting permit from the
23 Department of Environmental Protection. The fee for such permit shall
24 be fourteen dollars. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
25 the hunting of migratory waterfowl.

26 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 26-86a of the general statutes, as
27 amended by section 2 of public act 03-276, is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 (a) The commissioner shall establish by regulation adopted, in
30 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, standards for deer
31 management, and methods, regulated areas, bag limits, seasons and
32 permit eligibility for hunting deer with bow and arrow, muzzleloader
33 and shotgun, except [that] as provided in subsection (b) of section 26-
34 73, as amended by this act, no such hunting shall be permitted on
35 Sunday. No person shall hunt, pursue, wound or kill deer with a
36 firearm without first obtaining a deer permit from the commissioner in
37 addition to the license required by section 26-27. Application for such
38 permit shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner and
39 containing such information as he may require. Such permit shall be of
40 a design prescribed by the commissioner, shall contain such
41 information and conditions as the commissioner may require, and may
42 be revoked for violation of any provision of this chapter or regulations
43 adopted pursuant thereto. As used in this section, "muzzleloader"
44 means a rifle or shotgun of at least forty-five caliber, incapable of firing
45 a self-contained cartridge, which uses powder, a projectile, including,
46 but not limited to, a standard round ball, mini-balls, maxi-balls and
47 Sabot bullets, and wadding loaded separately at the muzzle end and

48 "rifle" means a long gun the projectile of which is six millimeters or
49 larger in diameter. The fee for a firearms permit shall be fourteen
50 dollars for residents of the state and fifty dollars for nonresidents,
51 except that any nonresident who is an active full-time member of the
52 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended, may purchase
53 a firearms permit for the same fee as is charged a resident of the state.
54 The commissioner shall issue, without fee, a private land deer permit
55 to the owner of ten or more acres of private land and the husband or
56 wife, parent, grandparent, sibling and any lineal descendant of such
57 owner, provided no such owner, husband or wife, parent,
58 grandparent, sibling or lineal descendant shall be issued more than
59 one such permit per season. Such permit shall allow the use of a rifle,
60 shotgun, muzzleloader or bow and arrow on such land from
61 November first to December thirty-first, inclusive. Deer may be so
62 hunted at such times and in such areas of such state-owned land as are
63 designated by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and on
64 privately owned land with the signed consent of the landowner, on
65 forms furnished by the department, and such signed consent shall be
66 carried by any person when so hunting on private land. The owner of
67 ten acres or more of private land may allow the use of a rifle to hunt
68 deer on such land during the shotgun season. The commissioner shall
69 determine, by regulation, the number of consent forms issued for any
70 regulated area established by said commissioner. The commissioner
71 shall provide for a fair and equitable random method for the selection
72 of successful applicants who may obtain shotgun and muzzleloader
73 permits for hunting deer on state lands. Any person whose name
74 appears on more than one application for a shotgun permit or more
75 than one application for a muzzleloader permit shall be disqualified
76 from the selection process for such permit. No person shall hunt,
77 pursue, wound or kill deer with a bow and arrow without first
78 obtaining a bow and arrow permit pursuant to section 26-86c, as
79 amended. "Bow and arrow" as used in this section and in section 26-
80 86c, as amended, means a bow with a draw weight of not less than
81 forty pounds. The arrowhead shall have two or more blades and may
82 not be less than seven-eighths of an inch at the widest point. No person

83 shall carry firearms of any kind while hunting with a bow and arrow
84 under said sections."