



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5750**

LCO No. 4902

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT INCREASING THE FINES FOR TRESPASS, LITTERING AND VANDALISM ON PUBLIC LANDS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Whenever any person is  
2 convicted of a violation of section 53a-107, 53a-108, 53a-109, 53a-115,  
3 53a-116, 53a-117 or 53a-117a of the general statutes and such violation  
4 occurred on public land, the court shall: (1) In lieu of imposing the fine  
5 authorized by section 53a-41 of the general statutes if the crime is a  
6 felony, impose the fine authorized by said section for the next more  
7 serious degree of felony, or (2) in lieu of imposing the fine authorized  
8 by section 53a-42 of the general statutes if the crime is a misdemeanor,  
9 impose the fine authorized by said section for the next more serious  
10 degree of misdemeanor, except that if the crime is a class A  
11 misdemeanor the court shall impose the fine for a class D felony as  
12 authorized by section 53a-41 of the general statutes. One-half of any  
13 fine collected pursuant to this section shall be payable to the state and  
14 the other half shall be payable to the arresting authority.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 22a-250 of the general statutes is  
16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

17 October 1, 2005):

18 (b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this  
19 section shall be fined not more than one hundred ninety-nine dollars,  
20 except that, if such violation occurred on public land, such person shall  
21 be fined not more than four hundred dollars. One-half of any fine  
22 collected pursuant to this subsection shall be payable to the state and  
23 the other half shall be payable to the [enforcing municipality] arresting  
24 authority. When any such material or substances are thrown, blown,  
25 scattered or spilled from a vehicle, the operator thereof shall be  
26 deemed prima facie to have committed such offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2005	22a-250(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To improve enforcement of the laws on trespass, littering and vandalism on public lands and discourage the illegal use of public lands.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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