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Public Act No. 06-70

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSERVATION OFFICERS.

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

Section 1. Section 26-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall appoint such number of conservation officers as may be necessary for the efficient execution of the duties of the department under section 26-6, as amended. The commissioner may supplement the regular conservation officer force by appointing as special conservation officer [or as patrolman] any employee of the department or any sworn federal law enforcement officer of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service, provided such federal officer shall not be considered an employee of the state and may only exercise such officer's authority pursuant to said section 26-6 when working with a full-time conservation officer. The commissioner may also appoint any lake patrolman as a special conservation officer solely for the purpose of enforcing boating laws within such patrolman's jurisdiction, provided such patrolman shall not be considered an employee of the state, and further provided that such patrolman has completed a police training course at the state police training school or an equivalent

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course approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Each conservation officer [] or special conservation officer [or patrolman] shall complete a police training course at the state police training school or an equivalent course approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Special conservation officers [and patrolmen] who are employees of the department shall be entitled to the same benefits to which conservation officers are entitled under the provisions of section 5-142, as amended; and such an appointment shall be deemed not to be in conflict with any of the provisions of chapter 67. In addition to their salaries, conservation officers [] and special conservation officers [and patrolmen] who are employees of the department shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in performance of official duty.

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