



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 72

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Senate Bill No. 190

Senate, March 22, 2006

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. FINCH of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WILDLIFE KILLED OR WOUNDED BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 Any deer, moose or black bear killed or seriously wounded as the
4 result of a collision with a motor vehicle may, after inspection of such
5 deer, moose or black bear by the local police authorities, state police or
6 conservation officer and after issuance of a copy of a [deer] wildlife kill
7 incident report, become the property of the operator of such motor
8 vehicle or any other person if such operator declines possession.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	26-86
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ENV *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

To the extent this legislation would decrease the workload of Conservation Officers, State Police officers and municipal police officers for removal, storage or disposal of moose or black bears, a minimal workload savings would be incurred by the Departments of Environmental Protection and Public Safety, and impacted municipalities. The impact is anticipated to be minimal.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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MOTOR VEHICLES.***

SUMMARY:

Current law allows a person who strikes and kills or seriously wounds a deer while driving to keep it, after (1) a local or state police or conservation officer inspects it and (2) the officer issues a copy of a deer kill incident report. Anyone may take possession of the deer if the driver declines to do so.

The bill specifies that a driver also may keep a moose or black bear he kills or seriously wounds in this situation after it is inspected and a wildlife kill incident report is issued. It allows anyone to take possession of a moose or black bear if the driver declines to do so.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/08/2006)