



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 5224**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) No fee shall be charged  
2 for any fishing, trapping or hunting license issued under chapter 490 of  
3 the general statutes to any active full-time member of the armed forces,  
4 as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, who meets the  
5 qualifications for such license, is home on leave and has a valid DD31  
6 form.

7 Sec. 2. Section 26-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

9 (a) Each firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing  
10 license or the combination firearms hunting and fishing license [,  
11 except licenses issued pursuant to subdivisions (7) and (10) of  
12 subsection (a) of section 26-28,] shall expire December thirty-first next  
13 following the date of issue and shall not be transferable, except that  
14 any such license issued to an active full-time member of the armed  
15 forces who had purchased a fishing, trapping or hunting license prior  
16 to being called for active duty shall not expire until a year after the  
17 date of the licensee's return from active duty. The provisions of this  
18 subsection shall not apply to licenses issued pursuant to subdivisions  
19 (7) and (10) of subsection (a) of section 26-28.

20 (b) No person shall change or alter such [a] firearms hunting,  
21 archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing license or the combination  
22 firearms hunting and fishing license or loan to another or permit  
23 another to have or use such license issued to himself or use any license  
24 issued to another. All licenses shall be carried as designated by the  
25 commissioner at all times when such licensee is hunting, trapping or  
26 sport fishing and shall be produced for examination upon demand of  
27 any conservation officer or other employee of the department  
28 designated by the commissioner or any other officer authorized to  
29 make arrests or the owner or lessee or the agent of any owner or lessee  
30 of any land or water upon which such licensed person may be found.  
31 Whenever the commissioner has designated any land or water area a  
32 wildlife management study area, he may require such licensee to  
33 surrender his license upon entering such area and issue to the licensee  
34 an arm band, back tag or other identification. The license shall be  
35 returned to the licensee upon leaving such area. Each person receiving  
36 a license to hunt or to trap shall make an annual report to the  
37 commissioner in such form and at such time as may be required by  
38 him showing the numbers and kinds of birds and quadrupeds killed or  
39 trapped. A firearms hunting or a combination firearms hunting and  
40 fishing license shall not authorize the carrying or possession of a pistol  
41 or revolver.

42 Sec. 3. Section 23-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

44 (a) The commissioner may (1) provide for the collection of fees for  
45 parking, admission, boat launching and other uses of state parks,  
46 forests, boat launches and other state recreational facilities, (2)  
47 establish from time to time the daily and seasonal amount thereof, (3)  
48 enter into contractual relations with other persons for the operation of  
49 concessions, (4) establish other sources of revenue to be derived from  
50 services to the general public using such parks, forests and facilities,  
51 (5) employ such assistants as may be necessary for the collection of  
52 such revenue. The commissioner shall deposit such revenue derived

53 therefrom with the State Treasurer in the General Fund. On and after  
54 July 1, 1992, any increase in any fee or any establishment of a new fee  
55 under this section shall be by regulations adopted in accordance with  
56 the provisions of chapter 54. Notwithstanding the provisions of this  
57 section, the commissioner may enter into an agreement with any  
58 municipality under which the municipality may retain fees collected  
59 by municipal officers at state boat launches when state employees are  
60 not on duty.

61 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
62 the commissioner may establish fees for the public use of the mansion  
63 at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, the Ellie Mitchell  
64 Pavilion at Rocky Neck State Park in East Lyme and Gillette Castle in  
65 East Haddam provided no fee shall be charged to any group organized  
66 as a nonprofit corporation under 26 USC 501(c)(3) for purposes of  
67 providing support to such parks or facilities and further provided the  
68 commissioner shall specify procedures and criteria for the selection of  
69 any private business which is engaged by the state to provide services  
70 during any such public use, including, but not limited to, catering  
71 services. Such fees, procedures and criteria shall be effective until June  
72 30, 1999, or until regulations are adopted, whichever is sooner.  
73 Regulations implementing such fees, procedures and criteria shall be  
74 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 on or before  
75 July 1, 1999. Such fees shall be comparable with rents and charges of  
76 similar properties based on fair market rates.

77 (c) The commissioner shall issue to any resident of the state, upon  
78 payment of a fee established by said commissioner, a nontransferable  
79 Connecticut private passenger motor vehicle pass which permits free  
80 parking throughout the calendar year at any state park, forest, boat  
81 launch or other state recreational facility provided the commissioner  
82 shall not be required to issue such a pass to any park, forest or facility  
83 which is wholly managed by a private concessionaire and may require  
84 payment of fees for special events.

85 (d) The commissioner shall issue to any resident of the state who is

86 sixty-five years of age or older, without fee, upon application of such  
87 resident, a nontransferable lifetime pass which shall permit free  
88 parking, admission and boat access parking for use at any state park,  
89 forest or state recreational facility, provided the commissioner shall not  
90 be required to issue such a pass for use of any park, forest or facility  
91 which is wholly managed by a private concessionaire and may require  
92 payment of fees for special events.

93 (e) The commissioner shall issue to any resident of the state who is  
94 an active full-time member of the armed forces, as defined in section  
95 27-103, and who is home on leave, upon presentation of a DD31 form,  
96 a temporary pass which shall permit free parking, admission and boat  
97 access parking for use at any state park, forest or state recreational  
98 facility, provided the commissioner shall not be required to issue such  
99 a pass for use of any park, forest or facility that is wholly managed by  
100 a private concessionaire and may require payment of fees for special  
101 events.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2006	26-35
Sec. 3	October 1, 2006	23-26

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