



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

**Substitute Bill No. 5750**

\*        HB05750PS        041106        \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL  
CONSERVATION OFFICERS.**

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

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 Section 26-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

3       The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall appoint such  
4 number of conservation officers as may be necessary for the efficient  
5 execution of the duties of the department under section 26-6, as  
6 amended. The commissioner may supplement the regular conservation  
7 officer force by appointing as special conservation officer [or as  
8 patrolman] any employee of the department or any sworn federal law  
9 enforcement officer of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or  
10 National Marine Fisheries Service, provided such federal officer shall  
11 not be considered an employee of the state and may only exercise such  
12 officer's authority pursuant to said section 26-6 when working with a  
13 full-time conservation officer. The commissioner may also appoint any  
14 lake patrolman as a special conservation officer solely for the purpose  
15 of enforcing boating laws within such patrolman's jurisdiction,  
16 provided such patrolman shall not be considered an employee of the  
17 state. Each conservation officer [ ] or special conservation officer [or  
18 patrolman] shall complete a police training course at the state police  
19 training school or an equivalent course approved by the Commissioner

20 of Public Safety. Special conservation officers [and patrolmen] who are  
21 employees of the department shall be entitled to the same benefits to  
22 which conservation officers are entitled under the provisions of section  
23 5-142, as amended; and such an appointment shall be deemed not to be  
24 in conflict with any of the provisions of chapter 67. In addition to their  
25 salaries, conservation officers [,] and special conservation officers [and  
26 patrolmen] who are employees of the department shall be reimbursed  
27 for all expenses incurred in performance of official duty.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-5

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**PS**        *Joint Favorable*