



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 194**

LCO No. 600

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF HUNTING,  
TRAPPING AND FISHING LAWS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 54-56h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 (a) The court may, in the disposition of any criminal or motor  
4 vehicle case, including a dismissal or the imposition of a sentence,  
5 consider the fact that the defendant has made a monetary contribution  
6 to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund established under section  
7 54-215, provided the court may consider the fact that any defendant  
8 who has been charged with a violation of chapter 26 of the general  
9 statutes has made a monetary contribution to a nonprofit organization  
10 that provides rewards to persons who report violations of fish and  
11 game or wildlife protection laws, or a contribution of community  
12 service work hours to a private nonprofit charity or other nonprofit  
13 organization.

14 (b) In entering a nolle prosequi, the state's attorney, assistant state's  
15 attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case may

16 consider the fact that the defendant has made a monetary contribution  
17 to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund established under section  
18 54-215, provided the court may consider the fact that any defendant  
19 who has been charged with a violation of chapter 26 of the general  
20 statutes has made a monetary contribution to a nonprofit organization  
21 that provides rewards to persons who report violations of fish and  
22 game or wildlife protection laws, or a contribution of community  
23 service work hours to a private nonprofit charity or other nonprofit  
24 organization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	54-56h

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize courts and prosecutors in the disposition of a criminal case to consider the fact that a person charged with a fish and game law violation has made a monetary contribution to an organization that offers rewards to persons who turn in poachers or other persons who violate fish and game laws.

*[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.]*