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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS."**

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1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

5 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, Sunday shall  
6 be a closed season except for the purpose of trapping under the  
7 provisions of this chapter. The possession in the open air on Sunday of  
8 any implement for hunting shall be prima facie evidence of hunting in  
9 violation of the provisions of this section. No provision of this section  
10 shall be construed so as to affect any provision of section 26-31, 26-48,  
11 26-52 or 27-35 or apply to the use of bow and arrow for purposes other

12 than hunting. Artificially propagated birds designated by the  
13 commissioner may be shot on Sundays on licensed private shooting  
14 preserves subject to such regulations of the commissioner as may  
15 apply to such private shooting preserves, provided permission so to  
16 shoot has been obtained from the town or towns within which such  
17 licensed private shooting preserves are located.

18 (b) Hunting on Sunday is allowed on private property, provided  
19 written permission consenting to such hunting shall be obtained from  
20 the owner or lessee of such property, or an agent of such owner or  
21 lessee, and such written permission shall be carried by any person  
22 engaged in such hunting. Sunday hunting may occur in areas  
23 designated by the commissioner when the commissioner has  
24 determined that additional management is required to control the  
25 overpopulation of game species.

26 Sec. 502. Section 26-86a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

28 (a) The commissioner shall establish by regulation adopted in  
29 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 standards for deer  
30 management, and methods, regulated areas, bag limits, seasons and  
31 permit eligibility for hunting deer with bow and arrow, muzzleloader  
32 and shotgun. [, except that no] No such hunting shall be permitted on  
33 Sunday, except as provided in subsection (b) of section 26-73, as  
34 amended by this act. No person shall hunt, pursue, wound or kill deer  
35 with a firearm without first obtaining a deer permit from the  
36 commissioner in addition to the license required by section 26-27, as  
37 amended. Application for such permit shall be made on forms  
38 furnished by the commissioner and containing such information as he  
39 may require. Such permit shall be of a design prescribed by the  
40 commissioner, shall contain such information and conditions as the  
41 commissioner may require, and may be revoked for violation of any  
42 provision of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. As  
43 used in this section, "muzzleloader" means a rifle or shotgun of at least  
44 forty-five caliber, incapable of firing a self-contained cartridge, which

45 uses powder, a projectile, including, but not limited to, a standard  
46 round ball, mini-balls, maxi-balls and Sabot bullets, and wadding  
47 loaded separately at the muzzle end and "rifle" means a long gun the  
48 projectile of which is six millimeters or larger in diameter. The fee for a  
49 firearms permit shall be fourteen dollars for residents of the state and  
50 fifty dollars for nonresidents, except that any nonresident who is an  
51 active full-time member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-  
52 103, may purchase a firearms permit for the same fee as is charged a  
53 resident of the state. The commissioner shall issue, without fee, a  
54 private land deer permit to the owner of ten or more acres of private  
55 land and the husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling and any  
56 lineal descendant of such owner, provided no such owner, husband or  
57 wife, parent, grandparent, sibling or lineal descendant shall be issued  
58 more than one such permit per season. Such permit shall allow the use  
59 of a rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader or bow and arrow on such land from  
60 November first to December thirty-first, inclusive. Deer may be so  
61 hunted at such times and in such areas of such state-owned land as are  
62 designated by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and on  
63 privately owned land with the signed consent of the landowner, on  
64 forms furnished by the department, and such signed consent shall be  
65 carried by any person when so hunting on private land. The owner of  
66 ten acres or more of private land may allow the use of a rifle to hunt  
67 deer on such land during the shotgun season. The commissioner shall  
68 determine, by regulation, the number of consent forms issued for any  
69 regulated area established by said commissioner. The commissioner  
70 shall provide for a fair and equitable random method for the selection  
71 of successful applicants who may obtain shotgun and muzzleloader  
72 permits for hunting deer on state lands. Any person whose name  
73 appears on more than one application for a shotgun permit or more  
74 than one application for a muzzleloader permit shall be disqualified  
75 from the selection process for such permit. No person shall hunt,  
76 pursue, wound or kill deer with a bow and arrow without first  
77 obtaining a bow and arrow permit pursuant to section 26-86c. "Bow  
78 and arrow" as used in this section and in section 26-86c means a bow  
79 with a draw weight of not less than forty pounds. The arrowhead shall

80 have two or more blades and may not be less than seven-eighths of an  
81 inch at the widest point. No person shall carry firearms of any kind  
82 while hunting with a bow and arrow under said sections.

83 (b) Any person who takes a deer without a permit shall be fined not  
84 less than two hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars or  
85 imprisoned not less than thirty days or more than six months or shall  
86 be both fined and imprisoned, for the first offense, and for each  
87 subsequent offense shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars or  
88 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year  
89 or shall be both fined and imprisoned."