



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6565**

LCO No. 5552

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
TURN IN POACHERS PROGRAM BY DEFENDANTS IN  
CONSERVATION CASES.**

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 Section 54-56h of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 from passage*):

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 or a contribution of community service work hours to a private  
8 nonprofit charity or other nonprofit organization. The court may also  
9 consider the fact that any defendant who has been charged with a  
10 violation of chapter 26 has made a monetary contribution to a  
11 nonprofit organization that provides rewards to persons who report  
12 violations of fish and game or wildlife protection laws.

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

15 consider the fact that the defendant has made a monetary contribution  
16 to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund or a contribution of  
17 community service work hours to a private nonprofit charity or other  
18 nonprofit organization. The state's attorney, assistant state's attorney  
19 or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case may also  
20 consider the fact that any defendant who has been charged with a  
21 violation of chapter 26 has made a monetary contribution to a  
22 nonprofit organization that provides rewards to persons who report  
23 violations of fish and game or wildlife protection laws.

24 (c) A monetary contribution made by a defendant to the Criminal  
25 Injuries Compensation Fund as provided in this section may be paid to  
26 either the clerk of the court or the Office of Victim Services.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow defendants in conservation cases to make charitable contributions to the Turn in Poachers program.

*[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.]*

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