



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6565

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**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 Section 54-56h of the general statutes is repealed and the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 title 26 has made a monetary contribution to a nonprofit
11 organization that provides rewards to persons who report violations of
12 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 title 26 has made a monetary contribution to a nonprofit
22 organization that provides rewards to persons who report violations of
23 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

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