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Introduced by:
(PRI)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF
THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION POLICE.**

Section 1. Section 26-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

1 (a) Conservation officers, special conservation officers and
2 patrolmen appointed by the commissioner under authority of section
3 26-5, shall enforce the provisions of title 23 and this title and chapters
4 246, 247, 248, 249, 255 and 268 and regulations adopted pursuant to
5 such titles and chapters and sections 15-180, 21a-267, 21a-277 to 21a-
6 279, inclusive, 22a-250, 26-192c to 26-192h, inclusive, 29-28, 29-35, 29-
7 38, 53-134, 53-190, 53-191, 53-194, 53-203, 53-204, 53-205, 53-206d, 53a-
8 59 to 53a-64, inclusive, 53a-100 to 53a-117a, inclusive, subsection (b) of
9 section 53a-119b, 53a-122 to [53a-125,] 53a-125b, inclusive, 53a-130, 53a-
10 133 to 53a-136, inclusive, 53a-147 to 53a-149, inclusive, 53a-157b, 53a-
11 165 to 53a-167c, inclusive, 53a-171, 53a-181 to 53a-183a, inclusive, 53a-
12 217e, 54-33d and 54-33e.

13 (b) Conservation officers, special conservation officers and
14 patrolmen may, without warrant, arrest any person for any violation of
15 any of the provisions set forth in subsection (a) of this section, and any

16 full-time conservation officer shall, in the performance of his duties in
17 any part of the state, have the same powers to enforce such laws as do
18 policemen or constables in their respective jurisdictions. Any full-time
19 conservation officer shall, incident to a lawful arrest while enforcing
20 such laws in the performance of his duties in any part of the state, have
21 the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement
22 of the law relating thereto as policemen or constables have in their
23 respective jurisdictions.

24 (c) Any conservation officer, special conservation officer or
25 patrolman may, anywhere within the boundaries of the state, examine
26 the contents of any boat, ship, automobile or other vehicle, box, locker,
27 basket, creel, crate, game bag or game coat or other package in which
28 he has probable cause to believe that any fish, crustacean, bird or
29 quadruped is being kept, in violation of any said statutory provisions
30 or any regulation issued by the commissioner, or any regulation issued
31 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as provided by section
32 26-91, and to ascertain whether any provision of any law or any
33 regulation for the protection of any fish, crustacean, bird or quadruped
34 has been or is being violated, and, shall have the same authority as
35 police officers to obtain and execute search warrants as provided for in
36 sections 54-33a, 54-33b and 54-33c.

37 (d) Any conservation officer, special conservation officer or
38 patrolman, may be appointed a special policeman under the
39 provisions of section 29-18.

40 (e) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized to
41 assign one or more conservation officers to patrol and inspect the
42 buildings, lands and waters owned by The White Memorial
43 Foundation, Incorporated, located in the towns of Litchfield and
44 Morris and, in addition to their powers as conservation officers, such
45 officers may be appointed special policemen under the provisions of
46 section 29-18.

47 (f) Each conservation officer, special conservation officer or

48 patrolman shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	26-6

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the authority of Department of Environmental Protection environmental conservation police to enforce certain motor vehicle violations, drug, larceny, negligent hunting and hunting under the influence statutes.

[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.]