



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 723**

February Session, 2008

Substitute House Bill No. 5852

*House of Representatives, April 24, 2008*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF LYME DISEASE.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
- 2 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
- 3 Public Health and the director of the Connecticut Agricultural
- 4 Experiment Station, shall develop a comprehensive program to reduce
- 5 the occurrence of Lyme disease in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**APP** Joint Favorable Subst.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact for the agencies to develop a program regarding the reduction of Lyme disease occurrences in the state.

***The Out Years***

There is no annualized ongoing fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5852*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF LYME DISEASE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection commissioner, after consulting with the public health commissioner and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station director, to develop a comprehensive program to reduce the occurrence of Lyme disease.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 332) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute bill, eliminating requirements that the program recommend measures designed to (1) achieve and maintain state deer populations at a level that significantly reduces the incidence of the disease and restores forest health and (2) increase public awareness of the critical role deer play in perpetuating the disease. The committee also eliminated a requirement that the program help municipalities achieve and maintain these goals.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 1 (03/12/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 49 Nay 0 (04/15/2008)

