



Substitute House Bill No. 5855

Public Act No. 08-144

**AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING OF MOOSE AND BEAR AND
THE DISCARDING OF FISHING LINE OR OTHER LITTER IN THE
WATERS OF THE STATE.**

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Upon the conviction of any person who takes moose or bear in violation of part IV of chapter 490 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall suspend such person's hunting license for a period of not less than one year and such person shall, for a first offense, be fined not less than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than ninety days or both. For a second violation, the commissioner shall suspend such person's hunting license for a period of not less than two years, and such person shall be fined not less than seven hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not more than one hundred twenty days, or both. For a third or subsequent offense, the commissioner shall permanently revoke such person's hunting license, and such person shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned not more than one hundred eighty days, or both.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner from designating an open season on the hunting of moose and bear pursuant to part IV of chapter 490 of the general statutes.

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Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Each sport fishing license issued pursuant to part III of chapter 490 of the general statutes shall contain a conspicuous statement with or printed on such license stating that any person who intentionally discards fishing line or other litter in the waters of the state, on public property of the state or on private property not owned by such person, shall be subject to a fine under section 22a-250 of the general statutes.

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