



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 364**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5108

*House of Representatives, March 31, 2009*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY, R. of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT PRESERVING CERTAIN HORSE TRAILS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Environmental Protection shall preserve the following trails for equine  
3 use: (1) Larkin State Park trails (Southbury-Oxford-Middlebury); (2)  
4 Airline State Park trails - south and north (Colchester-Hebron-  
5 Lebanon-Windham-Hampton-Pomfret-Putnam); (3) Hop River State  
6 Park trails (Bolton-Coventry-Andover-Columbia); (4) Moosup Valley  
7 State Park trails (Sterling-Plainfield); (5) Huntington State Park trails;  
8 and (6) Natchaug State Forest trails.

9 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit nonequine uses by the  
10 public of the trails specified in subsection (a) of this section.

11 (c) The preservation of a trail by the Commissioner of  
12 Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
13 shall not be deemed an expansion of such trail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ENV**      *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 House thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact associated with the preservation of certain trails for equine use, as these trails exist already.

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***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner to preserve the following for equine use:

1. Larkin State Park trails (Southbury-Oxford-Middlebury);
2. Airline State Park trails - south and north (Colchester-Hebron-Lebanon-Windham-Hampton-Pomfret-Putnam);
3. Hop River State Park trails (Bolton-Coventry-Andover-Columbia);
4. Moosup Valley State Park trails (Sterling-Plainfield);
5. Huntington State Park trails; and
6. Natchaug State Forest trails.

The bill stipulates that (1) it does not prohibit the public's nonequine (other) uses of the specified trails and (2) DEP's preservation of these trails is not to be considered (or need not require) expanding them (e.g., widen or extend).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/13/2009)