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Substitute House Bill No. 5108
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 30, 2009

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 (6) Natchaug State Forest trails; and (7) Cockaponset 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

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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.

House "A" added Cockaponset State Forest to the list of trails to be preserved for equine use and has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5108 (as amended by House "A") ******AN ACT PRESERVING CERTAIN HORSE TRAILS.*****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;
6. Natchaug State Forest trails, and
7. Cockaponset 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 an expansion of them.

*House Amendment "A" adds Cockaponset State Forest Trails to the list of those to be preserved for equine use.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/13/2009)