



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 366

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Substitute House Bill No. 5281

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 CONCERNING THE DONATION OF DEER MEAT TO NONPROFIT ENTITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-86b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 The commissioner shall issue tags to be attached to the carcass of
4 any deer killed under the provisions of sections 26-82 and 26-86a to 26-
5 86c, inclusive, which tag shall be immediately attached to such deer
6 and remain affixed until such carcass is dressed and butchered and
7 packaged for consumption. Each person so taking deer shall, within
8 twenty-four hours, report such kill to the commissioner on a form
9 furnished by him. The commissioner shall issue two additional tags in
10 areas designated by the commissioner to any person intending to kill
11 deer to be donated pursuant to section 26-78a to a charitable or
12 nonprofit organization which serves or distributes food, without cost,
13 to poor or needy persons.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	26-86b
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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:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact for the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to issue two additional tags at no cost to certain persons intending to kill deer for certain purposes.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5281*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF DEER MEAT TO NONPROFIT ENTITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner to issue two additional tags, in areas she designates, to any person intending to kill deer from which he or she will donate the meat to a charitable or nonprofit organization that serves or distributes food, without cost, to poor or needy people. By law, meat from hunted game, including deer meat, may be donated to such charitable or nonprofit organizations. Donated deer meat must be "dressed, packaged, refrigerated, dated and tagged, and labeled or marked 'not for sale.'"

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

BACKGROUND***Deer Tags***

By law, the DEP commissioner must issue tags that hunters must attach to the carcass of any deer they kill. The hunter must immediately attach a tag to the deer and it must remain affixed until the carcass is dressed, butchered, and packaged for consumption. Anyone taking deer must, within 24 hours, report killing a deer to the DEP commissioner on a form she furnishes.

Notification Concerning Donated Meat

The law requires charitable or nonprofit organizations that serve or distribute any donated hunted game meat to notify any recipients that the meat has not been inspected by any government agency. They must clearly and conspicuously display a sign at any location that serves or distributes such meat that indicates the type of game being

served or distributed and that the game was not required to be inspected under the Connecticut Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

State and Municipal Liability Waived for Donated Meat

By law, neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions may be held liable for damages resulting from the consumption of meat donated to charitable or nonprofit organizations.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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