



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 207

Senate, April 22, 2010

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE HUNTING OF DEER BY PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The commissioner shall
2 issue, upon payment of a five-dollar fee, to the owner of ten or more
3 acres of private land or a resident of this state, who has the consent of
4 the owner of ten or more acres of private land, a private land pistol or
5 revolver permit that allows the use of a pistol or revolver, as defined in
6 section 29-27 of the general statutes, to hunt deer from November first
7 to December thirty-first, inclusive, pursuant to the bag limit
8 established for a private land deer permit under subsection (a) of
9 section 26-86a of the general statutes. Any person authorized to hunt
10 deer by pistol or revolver pursuant to this section shall use a cartridge
11 of .357 caliber or larger for such purpose.

12 Sec. 2. Section 26-35 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

14 *passage*):

15 Each firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing
 16 license or the combination firearms hunting and fishing license, except
 17 licenses issued pursuant to subdivisions (4), (17) and (19) of subsection
 18 (a) of section 26-28, shall expire December thirty-first next following
 19 the date of issue and shall not be transferable. No person shall change
 20 or alter such a license or loan to another or permit another to have or
 21 use such license issued to himself or use any license issued to another.
 22 All licenses shall be carried as designated by the commissioner at all
 23 times when such licensee is hunting, trapping or sport fishing and
 24 shall be produced for examination upon demand of any conservation
 25 officer or other employee of the department designated by the
 26 commissioner or any other officer authorized to make arrests or the
 27 owner or lessee or the agent of any owner or lessee of any land or
 28 water upon which such licensed person may be found. Whenever the
 29 commissioner has designated any land or water area a wildlife
 30 management study area, he may require such licensee to surrender his
 31 license upon entering such area and issue to the licensee an arm band,
 32 back tag or other identification. The license shall be returned to the
 33 licensee upon leaving such area. Each person receiving a license to
 34 hunt or to trap shall make an annual report to the commissioner in
 35 such form and at such time as may be required by him showing the
 36 numbers and kinds of birds and quadrupeds killed or trapped. A
 37 firearms hunting or a combination firearms hunting and fishing license
 38 shall not authorize the carrying or possession of a pistol or revolver,
 39 except as provided in section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	26-35

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Gain	22,500	22,500

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill would result in a revenue gain of approximately \$22,500 as it requires the Environmental Protection commissioner to issue \$5 pistol or revolver permits to hunt deer¹.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of permits purchased.

¹ It is anticipated that approximately 4,500 hunters would purchase the \$5 permit.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 207*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE HUNTING OF DEER BY PISTOL OR REVOLVER.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner to issue permits allowing handgun hunting of deer on private land of at least 10 acres, between November 1 and December 31. The hunting is pursuant to the private land deer permit bag limit established by the commissioner. The permit fee is \$5. The hunter must (1) own the land or (2) be a state resident and have the consent of the land owner. Hunters must use a cartridge of at least .357 calibers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

On April 14, the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee reported this substitute bill, eliminating provisions (1) decreasing several sportsmen's fees, (2) capping camping and state park fees, (3) increasing certain motor vehicle violation fines, (4) establishing a Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation account, and (5) affecting the DEP Bureau of Natural Resources and DEP internet communications and transactions. These provisions were incorporated in House Bill 5455, signed into law on April 14. The substitute bill also eliminates a provision creating a limited motor vehicle operator permit.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/17/2010)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/14/2010)