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"AN ACT CONCERNING LONG ISLAND SOUND AND COASTAL PERMITTING."

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- 1 Change the effective date of section 12 to "Effective from passage"
- 2 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 3 internal references accordingly:
- 4 "Sec. 501. Section 26-27 of the 2010 supplement to the general
- 5 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 6 (*Effective from passage*):
- 7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), (e), [or] (f), (g) or (h) of
- 8 this section and other provisions of this chapter providing specific
- 9 license exemption, no person shall take, hunt or trap, or shall attempt
- 10 to take, hunt or trap, or assist in taking, hunting or trapping, any wild
- 11 bird or mammal and no person more than sixteen years of age shall
- 12 take, attempt to take, or assist in taking any fish or bait species in the

13 inland waters or marine district by any method or land marine fish
14 and bait species in the state, regardless of where such marine fish or
15 bait species are taken, without first having obtained a license as
16 provided in this chapter. No person under sixteen years of age shall
17 hunt or trap, except as provided in section 26-38.

18 (b) Any landowner who has a domiciliary residence in this state,
19 [his] such landowner's spouse or lineal descendants may hunt, trap or
20 fish on land owned by [him] such landowner or on land leased by
21 [him] such landowner and on which [he] such landowner is actually
22 domiciled, which land is not used for club, fishing or hunting
23 purposes, without a license, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

24 (c) No fishing license shall be required for any person who is rowing
25 a boat or operating the motor of a boat from which other persons are
26 taking or attempting to take fish.

27 (d) The taking of fish and bait species as herein provided shall be
28 regarded as sport fishing and the taking or landing of such species in
29 the inland waters or marine district by commercial methods for
30 commercial purposes shall be governed by other provisions of this
31 chapter.

32 (e) No fishing license shall be required for any resident of the state
33 who is participating in a fishing derby authorized in writing by the
34 Commissioner of Environmental Protection provided (1) no fees are
35 charged for such derby, (2) such derby has a duration of one day or
36 less, and (3) such derby is sponsored by a nonprofit civic service
37 organization. Such organization shall be limited to one derby in any
38 calendar year.

39 (f) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may designate
40 one day in each calendar year when no license shall be required for
41 sport fishing.

42 (g) No fishing license shall be required for any person who is fishing
43 as a passenger on a party boat, charter boat or head boat registered

44 under section 26-142a and operating solely in the marine district.

45 (h) No fishing license shall be required for any person who
46 participates in a fishing event conducted by an organization that
47 receives a group fishing license, as provided in subsection (h) of
48 section 26-30, as amended by this act, provided any person who
49 participates in such group fishing event shall be subject to all other
50 provisions of the general statutes and the regulations of Connecticut
51 state agencies that relate to fishing.

52 Sec. 502. Section 26-28 of the 2010 supplement to the general
53 statutes, as amended by section 35 of public act 10-3, is repealed and
54 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

55 (a) Except as provided in [subsection (b)] subsections (b) and (c) of
56 this section, the fees for firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping
57 and sport fishing licenses or for the combination thereof shall be as
58 follows: (1) Resident firearms hunting license, nineteen dollars; (2)
59 resident fishing license, twenty-eight dollars; (3) resident marine
60 waters fishing license, ten dollars; (4) one-day resident marine waters
61 fishing license, five dollars; (5) resident all-waters fishing license,
62 thirty-two dollars; (6) resident combination license to fish in inland
63 waters and firearms hunt, thirty-eight dollars; (7) resident combination
64 license to fish in marine waters and firearms hunt, twenty-five dollars;
65 (8) resident combination license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt,
66 thirty-eight dollars; (9) resident combination license to fish in all
67 waters and bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued
68 pursuant to section 26-86c, as amended by this act, sixty-five dollars;
69 (10) resident firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and
70 firearms hunt, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit
71 issued pursuant to section 26-86a, as amended by this act, and permit
72 to hunt wild turkey during the spring season on private land issued
73 pursuant to section 26-48a, as amended by this act, eighty dollars; (11)
74 resident archery super sport license to fish in all waters, bow and
75 arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to section
76 26-86c, as amended by this act, and permit to hunt wild turkey during

77 the spring season on private land issued pursuant to section 26-48a, as
78 amended by this act, eighty-two dollars; (12) resident firearms super
79 sport license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, firearms private
80 land shotgun or rifle deer permit, muzzleloader private land deer
81 permit, pursuant to section 26-86, as amended by this act, and private
82 land permit to hunt wild turkey during spring season pursuant to
83 section 26-48a, as amended by this act, eighty-four dollars; (13)
84 resident firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and firearms
85 hunt, migratory bird conservation stamp, and migratory bird harvest
86 permit (HIP), sixty dollars; (14) resident trapping license, thirty-four
87 dollars; (15) resident junior trapping license for persons under sixteen
88 years of age, eleven dollars; (16) junior firearms hunting license, eleven
89 dollars; (17) nonresident firearms hunting license, ninety-one dollars;
90 (18) nonresident inland waters fishing license, fifty-five dollars; (19)
91 nonresident inland waters fishing license for a period of three
92 consecutive days, twenty-two dollars; (20) nonresident marine waters
93 fishing license, fifteen dollars; (21) nonresident marine waters fishing
94 license for a period of three consecutive days, eight dollars; (22)
95 nonresident all-waters fishing license, sixty-three dollars; (23)
96 nonresident combination license to firearms hunt and inland waters
97 fish, one hundred ten dollars; (24) nonresident combination license to
98 fish in all waters and firearms hunt, one hundred twenty dollars; (25)
99 nonresident combination license to fish in marine waters and firearms
100 hunt, ninety-four dollars; and (26) nonresident trapping license, two
101 hundred fifty dollars. Persons sixty-five years of age and over who
102 have been residents of this state for not less than one year and who
103 meet the requirements of subsection (b) of section 26-31 may be issued
104 an annual license to firearms hunt or to fish or combination license to
105 fish and firearms hunt or a license to trap without fee. The issuing
106 agency shall indicate on a combination license the specific purpose for
107 which such license is issued. The town clerk shall retain a recording fee
108 of one dollar for each license issued by him.

109 (b) Any nonresident residing in one of the New England states or
110 the state of New York may procure a license to hunt or to fish or to

111 hunt and fish for the same fee or fees as a resident of this state if he is a
112 resident of a state the laws of which allow the same privilege to
113 residents of this state.

114 (c) The fee for a group fishing license, as described in subsection (h)
115 of section 26-30, as amended by this act, shall be two hundred fifty
116 dollars.

117 Sec. 503. Section 26-30 of the general statutes is amended by adding
118 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

119 (NEW) (h) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may
120 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified
121 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
122 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
123 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group
124 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related or other
125 disability who receive services at a facility of the United States
126 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2)
127 who receive mental health or addiction services from: (A) The
128 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-
129 operated facilities, as defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or
130 facilities funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
131 Services, as provided for in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and
132 17a-676, (3) with mental retardation or autism who receive services
133 from the Department of Developmental Services, as provided for in
134 section 17a-217, or from facilities licensed by the Department of
135 Developmental Services, as provided for in section 17a-227, or (4)
136 receiving care from the Department of Children and Families, as
137 provided for in section 17a-94, or from programs or child-care facilities
138 licensed pursuant to section 17a-145, 17a-147 or 17a-154. Any such
139 organization shall conduct not more than fifty such events, including
140 marine and inland water events, in any calendar year and each such
141 event shall be limited to not more than fifty persons. Application for
142 such a group fishing license shall be submitted once per calendar year
143 on a form prescribed by the commissioner and with the necessary fee

144 and shall provide such information as required by the commissioner.
145 All fishing activities conducted pursuant to such group license shall be
146 supervised by staff or volunteers of the organization conducting the
147 event or events. Such staff or volunteers shall possess such group
148 fishing license at the site of any such event or events. Each such staff
149 member or volunteer shall have a license to fish. Such organization
150 shall, not later than ten days after such group fishing event, report to
151 the commissioner, on forms provided by the commissioner,
152 information on the results of such event. Such information shall
153 include, but not be limited to, the total: (i) Number of participants, (ii)
154 hours fished, (iii) number of each species caught, and (iv) number of
155 each species not released. Such organization shall not charge a fee to
156 any person that participates in any such group fishing event conducted
157 pursuant to such group fishing license and any such group fishing
158 event shall not be used by such organization as a fund raising event."