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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
LICENSING."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-27 of the 2010 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), (e), [or] (f), (g) or (h) of
7 this section and other provisions of this chapter providing specific
8 license exemption, no person shall take, hunt or trap, or shall attempt
9 to take, hunt or trap, or assist in taking, hunting or trapping, any wild
10 bird or mammal and no person more than sixteen years of age shall
11 take, attempt to take, or assist in taking any fish or bait species in the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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