



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6158

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PRIVATE LAND REVOLVER PERMIT STATUTE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-82a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The commissioner shall issue, upon payment of a five-dollar fee,
4 to the owner of ten or more acres of private land and the husband or
5 wife, parent, grandparent, sibling and any lineal descendant of such
6 owner or a resident of this state [,] who has the consent of the owner of
7 ten or more acres of private land, a private land revolver permit that
8 allows the use of a revolver, as defined in section 29-27, to hunt deer
9 from November first to December thirty-first, inclusive, pursuant to
10 the bag limit established for a private land deer permit under
11 subsection (a) of section 26-86a. Any person authorized to hunt deer by
12 revolver pursuant to this section shall use a cartridge of .357 caliber or
13 larger for such purpose.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may adopt
15 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to
16 implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations may
17 include, but shall not be limited to, any restrictions the commissioner
18 deems necessary to protect public safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-82a

ENV *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill expands the list of recipients who must receive certain revolver permits and allows the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt regulations. These provisions do not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6158*****AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PRIVATE LAND REVOLVER PERMIT STATUTE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill creates consistency between the private land revolver and private land deer permits by expanding the list of people to whom the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner must issue a private land revolver permit to include the husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling, and any lineal descendant of an owner of at least 10 acres of private land.

Under current law, the DEP commissioner must issue the permit only to (1) the owner of at least 10 acres of private land or (2) a state resident who has consent from such private land owner.

The bill allows the DEP commissioner to adopt implementing regulations, including any restrictions the commissioner deems necessary for public safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Permits***

A private land revolver permit (established in PA 10-99) allows a hunter to use guns that (1) fire a cartridge of at least .357 caliber and (2) have a barrel length less than 12 inches (revolvers), to hunt deer on private land of at least 10 acres between November 1 and December 31. The hunting is subject to the private land deer permit bag limit established by the commissioner. The private land revolver permit fee is \$5.

The private land deer permit allows the use of other weapons to hunt deer on private land of the same size during the same period. There is no fee for this permit.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/09/2011)