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Testimony presented to the **PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**IN SUPPORT OF \*S.B. No. 336 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NEGLIGENT HUNTING.**

by Robert T. Crook, Director

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We fully SUPPORT this bill. Increases in penalties fines for illegal activities concerning sportsmen's issues have not been increased in decades. We do have suggested substitute language.

In 53a-26 Sec. 1, 2 & 3 lists Misdemeanor sentences and fines. A Class A Misdemeanor equates to \$2000 fine/1 year imprisonment; Class B is \$1000 fine/6 months imprisonment; Class c is \$500 fine/3 months imprisonment.

We would suggest the following correction Sec 1 (c) "(2) Negligent hunting in the second degree is a class [A] B misdemeanor and any person found guilty under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be fined not less than [four] five hundred dollars." Note: Sec. 26-85 referred in Sec. (c) (1) is Jacklighting for deer.

Other than this suggested correction, the bill appears to have balance with other proposals submitted in both Environment and Judiciary Committees.

Thank you.

**\* Other bills updating fines for illegal activities concerning sportsmen's issues:**

**H.B. No. 5145 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF UNCLASSIFIED MISDEMEANORS.** Judiciary Committee. **SUPPORT.** See Boating Sec. 3-9, 141; Hunting Sec 21-31, 103, 113-114, 133-139, 150-152; Fishing Sec 83-86; Misc 176; plus multiples on Shellfish.

**S.B. No. 336 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NEGLIGENT HUNTING.** Public Safety and Security Committee. **SUPPORT.**