



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5262

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AN ACT CONCERNING EQUESTRIAN USE ON CERTAIN TRAILS ON STATE PARK AND FOREST LANDS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 23-10e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
4 shall [preserve the following trails for equine use: (1) Larkin State Park
5 trails (Southbury-Oxford-Middlebury); (2) Airline State Park trails -
6 south and north (Colchester-Hebron-Lebanon-Windham-Hampton-
7 Pomfret-Putnam); (3) Hop River State Park trails (Bolton-Coventry-
8 Andover-Columbia); (4) Moosup Valley State Park trails (Sterling-
9 Plainfield); (5) Huntington State Park trails; (6) Natchaug State Forest
10 trails; and (7) Cockaponset State Forest trails] permit equestrian use on
11 multi-use trails on state park and forest lands, unless specifically
12 prohibited by said commissioner. Prior to a decision to prohibit equine
13 use of any multi-use trail on state park and forest lands that have
14 historically been utilized by equestrians, said commissioner shall
15 consult with the Equine Advisory Council established pursuant to
16 section 23-10d.

17 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit nonequine uses by the
18 public of the trails specified in subsection (a) of this section nor
19 prohibit the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection

20 from temporarily closing any multi-use trail for safety reasons or the
21 protection of natural resources.

22 (c) The [preservation of a trail] permitting of equestrian use on a
23 multi-use trail by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
24 Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not be
25 deemed an expansion of such trail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	23-10e

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