



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5263**

LCO No. 1301

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR POACHING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 53a-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of criminal trespass in the third degree when,  
4 knowing that such person is not licensed or privileged to do so: (1)  
5 Such person enters or remains in premises which are posted in a  
6 manner prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the attention  
7 of intruders or are fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed  
8 to exclude intruders, or which belong to the state and are appurtenant  
9 to any state institution; or (2) such person enters or remains in any  
10 premises for the purpose of hunting, trapping or fishing; or (3) such  
11 person enters or remains on public land which is posted in a manner  
12 prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the attention of  
13 intruders or is fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to  
14 exclude intruders.

15 (b) Criminal trespass in the third degree is a class C misdemeanor,  
16 except that any person found guilty under subdivision (2) of

- 17 subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor  
18 and fined one thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	53a-109

**Statement of Purpose:**

To impose a mandatory one-thousand-dollar fine for poaching.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*