AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR POACHING.

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

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 Section 53a-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2012):

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

(b) Criminal trespass in the third degree is a class C misdemeanor, except that any person found guilty under subdivision (2) of
subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor
and fined one thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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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.]