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"AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, IMPROVING SAFE HUNTING EDUCATION, AMENDING DEFINITIONS FOR THE WILDLIFE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WHETHER TO TRANSFER THE CONSERVATION FUNCTIONS OF SAID DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE."

1 Strike section 6 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
3 review, analyze and make recommendations concerning proposals to
4 improve programmatic efficiencies and avoid duplication and overlap
5 of authority in areas of the Department of Energy and Environmental
6 Protection's Bureau of Outdoor Resources, Bureau of Natural
7 Resources, environmental conservation and environmental quality
8 sections and the Department of Agriculture. Such review shall identify
9 strategies for improving the natural resources conservation functions
10 of the state, including the development of a comparative analysis of
11 reorganization proposals, a cost-benefit analysis for each such proposal

12 and an evaluation of best practices in the management of the state's
13 environmental conservation and environmental quality
14 responsibilities. Such review shall include the consideration of public
15 input solicited through public hearings or the submission of written
16 testimony.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
19 who shall represent the dairy industry;

20 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
21 shall be a representative of a farmland conservation organization;

22 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
23 Representatives, who shall represent a hunting, fishing or gaming
24 organization;

25 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall
26 represent a forest and parks conservation organization;

27 (5) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or
28 the commissioner's designee;

29 (6) The Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's
30 designee;

31 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the
32 secretary's designee; and

33 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall
34 represent an agriculture organization and one of whom shall represent
35 a land conservation organization.

36 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
38 filled by the appointing authority.

39 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the

40 secretary's designee, shall be the chairperson of the task force. The
41 secretary shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall
42 be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

43 (e) The administrative staff of the Office of Policy and Management
44 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force. The task force shall
45 be located in the executive branch for administrative purposes.

46 (f) Not later than December 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a
47 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
48 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
49 relating to the environment and agriculture, in accordance with the
50 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
51 terminate on the date that it submits such report or December 1, 2012,
52 whichever is later."

53 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
54 internal references accordingly:

55 "Sec. 501. Section 26-82a of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

57 The commissioner shall issue, upon payment of a five-dollar fee, to
58 the owner of ten or more acres of private land or a resident of this
59 state, who has the consent of the owner of ten or more acres of private
60 land, a [private land revolver] permit that allows the use of a [revolver,
61 as defined in section 29-27,] handgun to hunt deer from November
62 first to December thirty-first, inclusive, pursuant to the bag limit
63 established for a private land deer permit under subsection (a) of
64 section 26-86a. For the purposes of this section, "handgun" means a
65 firearm with a rifled bore, which is designed to be fired from a
66 handheld position and to hold individual cartridges in individual
67 chambers, whether multiple chambers arrayed in a cylinder or a single
68 chamber. Any person authorized to hunt deer [by revolver] pursuant
69 to this section shall use a [cartridge of .357 caliber or larger for such
70 purpose] straight-walled cartridge of .357 caliber or larger or a
71 shouldered cartridge of 6 millimeters or larger."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	26-82a