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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-181—sHB 5304 (VETOED)

Environment Committee

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING AND AUTHORITY OF
CERTAIN CONSTABLES APPOINTED FOR FISH AND GAME
PROTECTION**

SUMMARY: This act exempts certain fish and game protection constables from having to be certified as police officers by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST). To be exempt, the constables must (1) be appointed by a town in Hartford County having a population between 44,000 and 50,000 (i.e., Enfield) and (2) successfully complete a basic police training course that is tailored to the constables' duties and provided by a POST-certified police officer from that town. And, in order to carry a firearm in the course of their duties, such fish and game protection constables must be certified by a firearms trainer of the town's police department and meet the recertification requirements that apply to the department's regular sworn officers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND

Fish and Game Protection Constables

Fish and game protection constables enforce (1) state and local fish and game laws and regulations; (2) local ordinances related to hunting, fishing, and trapping; (3) the law prohibiting people from carrying loaded shotguns, rifles, and muzzleloaders in vehicles and snowmobiles; and (4) the 3rd degree criminal trespass law.

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