



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6541

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING ON-LINE EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR HUNTING SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 26-31 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
5 shall formulate conservation courses of instruction in safe trapping,
6 hunting and archery practices and the handling and use of traps and
7 hunting implements, including bow and arrow, for such persons as are
8 applying for a license to hunt with firearms or to hunt with bow and
9 arrow or trap for the first time and for minors who fall within the
10 provisions of section 26-38, and shall designate one or more competent
11 persons or organizations to give such instruction. Any person or
12 organization so designated shall give such instruction on-line or in a
13 classroom to any person requesting the same and shall, upon the
14 successful completion thereof, recommend to the commissioner
15 issuance of a certificate of completion to such person. Successful
16 completion of such instruction for hunting license applicants shall
17 include, but not be limited to, achieving a passing grade on an
18 examination formulated by the commissioner, which shall include
19 correctly stating in writing, or reciting orally, the regulations for

20 hunting in proximity to buildings occupied by persons or domestic
21 animals or used for storage of flammable or combustible materials and
22 the regulations for shooting towards persons, buildings or animals.
23 Any such person or organization may charge any person taking the
24 course of instruction in trapping a reasonable fee, established by
25 regulation adopted by the commissioner in accordance with chapter
26 54, to cover the cost of supplies, materials and equipment necessary for
27 such course of instruction. No fee shall be charged for a course of
28 instruction in hunting or archery.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-31(a)
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*