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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING SPORTSMEN RELATED REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2014, the
2 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a
3 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
4 statutes, on the establishment of a bear hunting season by lottery
5 program. Such program shall provide for the purchase of a lottery
6 permit, at a fee of ten dollars, that allows the permittee to participate in
7 a lottery for the opportunity to receive a license, at a fee of two
8 hundred dollars, to hunt bear in a location and during a season
9 designated by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
10 Protection. Such program shall provide for the designation of
11 authorized bear hunting locations that coincide with the department's
12 deer management zones. Such report shall include, but not be limited
13 to, a discussion of the intended season for such bear hunting season
14 and a listing of the methods of take authorized pursuant to such
15 program.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy
17 and Environmental Protection may, upon application and payment of
18 a fee of fifty dollars for in-state guides and one hundred dollars for
19 out-of-state guides, issue to any person a license to conduct hunting or
20 fishing guide services. Application forms for such licenses shall be
21 furnished by the commissioner. Each such license shall be
22 nontransferable and shall expire on the last day of December next after
23 issuance. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance
24 with chapter 54 of the general statutes, concerning the administration
25 of and requirements for such guide services.

26 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-303 of the general statutes is
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
28 *passage*):

29 (a) The authority in charge of any building or property owned,
30 operated or leased by the state or any municipality therein shall grant
31 to the Department of Rehabilitation Services a permit to operate in
32 such building or on such property a food service facility, a vending
33 machine or a stand for the vending of newspapers, periodicals,
34 confections, tobacco products, food and such other articles as such
35 authority approves when, in the opinion of such authority, such
36 facility, machine or stand is desirable in such location. Any person
37 operating such a stand in any such location on October 1, 1945, shall be
38 permitted to continue such operation, but upon such person's ceasing
39 such operation such authority shall grant a permit for continued
40 operation to the Department of Rehabilitation Services. The
41 department may establish a training facility at any such location. The
42 requirements of this subsection shall not apply to any state park or
43 forest under the custody and control of the Commissioner of Energy
44 and Environmental Protection.

45 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy
46 and Environmental Protection shall issue a request for proposals for
47 the operation of the food service facilities located in the state parks and

48 forests under the custody and control of the commissioner. In
49 awarding any contract for the operation of such food service facilities,
50 the commissioner shall award such contract to the highest responsible
51 bidder. Nothing in this section or section 10-303 of the general statutes,
52 as amended by this act, shall be construed to prohibit the Bureau of
53 Education and Services for the Blind from bidding on any contract
54 authorized pursuant to this section.

55 Sec. 5. Section Subsection (a) of section 26-27 of the general statutes
56 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
57 *from passage*):

58 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this
59 section and other provisions of this chapter providing specific license
60 exemption, no person shall take, hunt or trap, or shall attempt to take,
61 hunt or trap, or assist in taking, hunting or trapping, any wild bird or
62 mammal and no person [more than] sixteen years of age or older shall
63 take, attempt to take, or assist in taking any fish or bait species in the
64 inland waters or marine district by any method or land marine fish
65 and bait species in the state, regardless of where such marine fish or
66 bait species are taken, without first having obtained a license as
67 provided in this chapter. No person under sixteen years of age shall
68 hunt or trap, except as provided in section 26-38.

69 Sec. 6. Section 26-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
70 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

71 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), [and] (c) and (d) of this
72 section, the fees for firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping and
73 sport fishing licenses or for the combination thereof shall be as follows:
74 (1) Resident firearms hunting license, nineteen dollars; (2) resident
75 fishing license, twenty-eight dollars; (3) resident marine waters fishing
76 license, ten dollars; (4) one-day resident marine waters fishing license,
77 five dollars; (5) resident all-waters fishing license, thirty-two dollars;
78 (6) resident combination license to fish in inland waters and firearms

79 hunt, thirty-eight dollars; (7) resident combination license to fish in
80 marine waters and firearms hunt, twenty-five dollars; (8) resident
81 combination license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, [thirty-
82 eight] forty dollars; (9) resident combination license to fish in all waters
83 and bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued
84 pursuant to section 26-86c, sixty-five dollars; (10) resident firearms
85 super sport license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, firearms
86 private land shotgun or rifle deer permit issued pursuant to section 26-
87 86a, and permit to hunt wild turkey during the spring season on
88 private land issued pursuant to section 26-48a, [eighty] seventy dollars;
89 (11) resident archery super sport license to fish in all waters, bow and
90 arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to section
91 26-86c and permit to hunt wild turkey during the spring season on
92 private land issued pursuant to section 26-48a, eighty-two dollars; (12)
93 resident firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and firearms
94 hunt, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit, muzzleloader
95 private land deer permit, pursuant to section 26-86 and private land
96 permit to hunt wild turkey during spring season pursuant to section
97 26-48a, eighty-four dollars; (13) resident firearms super sport license to
98 fish in all waters and firearms hunt, migratory bird conservation
99 stamp, and migratory bird harvest permit (HIP), [sixty] fifty dollars;
100 (14) resident trapping license, thirty-four dollars; (15) resident junior
101 trapping license for persons under sixteen years of age, eleven dollars;
102 (16) junior firearms hunting license, eleven dollars; (17) nonresident
103 firearms hunting license, ninety-one dollars; (18) nonresident inland
104 waters fishing license, fifty-five dollars; (19) nonresident inland waters
105 fishing license for a period of three consecutive days, twenty-two
106 dollars; (20) nonresident marine waters fishing license, fifteen dollars;
107 (21) nonresident marine waters fishing license for a period of three
108 consecutive days, eight dollars; (22) nonresident all-waters fishing
109 license, sixty-three dollars; (23) nonresident combination license to
110 firearms hunt and inland waters fish, one hundred ten dollars; (24)
111 nonresident combination license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt,
112 one hundred twenty dollars; (25) nonresident combination license to

113 fish in marine waters and firearms hunt, ninety-four dollars; and (26)
114 nonresident trapping license, two hundred fifty dollars. Persons sixty-
115 five years of age and over who have been residents of this state for not
116 less than one year and who meet the requirements of subsection (b) of
117 section 26-31 may be issued an annual license to firearms hunt or to
118 fish or combination license to fish and firearms hunt or a license to trap
119 without fee. The issuing agency shall indicate on a combination license
120 the specific purpose for which such license is issued. The town clerk
121 shall retain a recording fee of one dollar for each license issued by him
122 or her.

123 (b) Any nonresident residing in one of the New England states or
124 the state of New York may procure a license to hunt or to fish or to
125 hunt and fish for the same fee or fees as a resident of this state if he or
126 she is a resident of a state the laws of which allow the same privilege to
127 residents of this state.

128 (c) The fee for a group fishing license, as described in subsection (h)
129 of section 26-30, shall be two hundred fifty dollars.

130 (d) For the period beginning on January 1, 2014, and ending on
131 December 31, 2014, the fee charged for any firearms hunting, archery
132 hunting, trapping or sport fishing license that is issued to any
133 Connecticut resident who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall be
134 equal to fifty per cent of the fee provided for such license in subsection
135 (a) of this section rounded to the next highest dollar.

136 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For the period beginning on
137 January 1, 2014, and ending on December 31, 2014, the fee charged
138 pursuant to section 26-27b, 26-48a, 26-86a or 26-86c of the general
139 statutes for any firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport
140 fishing permit, tag or stamp that is issued to any Connecticut resident
141 who is less than twenty-one years of age shall be fifty per cent of the
142 fee provided under said sections rounded to the next highest dollar.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-303(a)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	26-27(a)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	26-28
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the establishment of a bear hunting season by lottery, require the licensure of hunting and fishing guides, authorize the award of food vending services in state parks and forests to the highest responsible bidder and reduce hunting, trapping and fishing fees for youths and persons under the age of twenty-one.

[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.]