

I am asking that this legislation be reported favorably to the legislature for an up or down vote. This legislation is for PRIVATE LAND only, on SUNDAY. Over the years, the specious argument of walking in the woods has been given to oppose this commonsense legislation. However, to my knowledge, hiking on private land, without permission of the landowner, is trespassing. How can the legislature allow an illegal act standing in deciding legislation?

The bill, as proposed, is targeted to those areas of the state that have the greatest overpopulation of deer. Limiting the hunting to archery only does not destroy the peace and quiet some seek on Sunday. Also, this restriction is the last, if not one of the last, "Blue Laws" Connecticut still enforces. At this point, I cannot think of any other activity that is prohibited on Sunday; last year this legislature passed a law allowing the sale of alcohol on Sundays.

Connecticut has a well deserved reputation as a leader in progressive ideas and laws. I can see no reason why Sunday Archery Only deer hunting should not become the law.

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