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"AN ACT PROHIBITING HUNTING IN PROXIMITY TO WILDLIFE PRESERVES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 26-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 Sunday shall be a closed season except for hunting deer with bow
6 and arrow and for the purpose of trapping under the provisions of this
7 chapter. The possession in the open air on Sunday of any implement
8 for hunting, except for bow and arrow, shall be prima facie evidence of
9 hunting in violation of the provisions of this section. No provision of
10 this section shall be construed so as to affect any provision of section
11 26-31, 26-48, 26-52 or 27-35. [or apply to the use of bow and arrow for
12 purposes other than hunting.] Artificially propagated birds designated
13 by the commissioner may be shot on Sundays on licensed private
14 shooting preserves subject to such regulations of the commissioner as
15 may apply to such private shooting preserves, provided permission so

16 to shoot has been obtained from the town or towns within which such
17 licensed private shooting preserves are located. Any person who hunts
18 deer on Sunday with bow and arrow pursuant to this section shall
19 conduct such hunting in accordance with and pursuant to the wildlife
20 management principles and practices established by the Commissioner
21 of Energy and Environmental Protection, have the written permission
22 of the private property owner where such hunting is conducted and
23 carry such written permission upon his or her person during the
24 hunting. No person shall hunt with bow and arrow on Sunday
25 pursuant to this section within forty yards of a blazed hiking trail.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 26-86a of the general statutes is
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
28 *October 1, 2013*):

29 (a) The commissioner shall establish by regulation adopted in
30 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 standards for deer
31 management, and methods, regulated areas, bag limits, seasons and
32 permit eligibility for hunting deer with bow and arrow, muzzleloader
33 and shotgun, except that no such hunting shall be permitted on
34 Sunday by any means other than with bow and arrow pursuant to
35 section 26-73, as amended by this act. No person shall hunt, pursue,
36 wound or kill deer with a firearm without first obtaining a deer permit
37 from the commissioner in addition to the license required by section
38 26-27. Application for such permit shall be made on forms furnished
39 by the commissioner and containing such information as he may
40 require. Such permit shall be of a design prescribed by the
41 commissioner, shall contain such information and conditions as the
42 commissioner may require, and may be revoked for violation of any
43 provision of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. As
44 used in this section, "muzzleloader" means a rifle or shotgun of at least
45 forty-five caliber, incapable of firing a self-contained cartridge, which
46 uses powder, a projectile, including, but not limited to, a standard
47 round ball, mini-balls, maxi-balls and Sabot bullets, and wadding
48 loaded separately at the muzzle end, and "rifle" means a long gun the
49 projectile of which is six millimeters or larger in diameter. The fee for a

50 firearms permit shall be nineteen dollars for residents of the state and
51 sixty-eight dollars for nonresidents, except that any nonresident who is
52 an active full-time member of the armed forces, as defined in section
53 27-103, may purchase a firearms permit for the same fee as is charged a
54 resident of the state. The commissioner shall issue, without fee, a
55 private land deer permit to the owner of ten or more acres of private
56 land and the husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling and any
57 lineal descendant of such owner, provided no such owner, husband or
58 wife, parent, grandparent, sibling or lineal descendant shall be issued
59 more than one such permit per season. Such permit shall allow the use
60 of a rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader or bow and arrow on such land from
61 November first to December thirty-first, inclusive. Deer may be so
62 hunted at such times and in such areas of such state-owned land as are
63 designated by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
64 Protection and on privately owned land with the signed consent of the
65 landowner, on forms furnished by the department, and such signed
66 consent shall be carried by any person when so hunting on private
67 land. The owner of ten acres or more of private land may allow the use
68 of a rifle to hunt deer on such land during the shotgun season. The
69 commissioner shall determine, by regulation, the number of consent
70 forms issued for any regulated area established by said commissioner.
71 The commissioner shall provide for a fair and equitable random
72 method for the selection of successful applicants who may obtain
73 shotgun and muzzleloader permits for hunting deer on state lands.
74 Any person whose name appears on more than one application for a
75 shotgun permit or more than one application for a muzzleloader
76 permit shall be disqualified from the selection process for such permit.
77 No person shall hunt, pursue, wound or kill deer with a bow and
78 arrow without first obtaining a bow and arrow permit pursuant to
79 section 26-86c. "Bow and arrow", as used in this section and in section
80 26-86c, means a bow with a draw weight of not less than forty pounds.
81 The arrowhead shall have two or more blades and may not be less
82 than seven-eighths of an inch at the widest point. No person shall
83 carry firearms of any kind while hunting with a bow and arrow under
84 this section and section 26-86c."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2013</i> | 26-73 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2013</i> | 26-86a(a) |