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H.B. No. 5316 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SPORT FISHING LICENSES FOR ANGLERS WHO ARE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

The Coalition of CT SPORTSMEN SUPPORTS this bill.

The over 65 FISHING issue is based upon the significantly large generation, Baby Boomers, reaching that age. DEEP cannot sustain the numbers of seniors in this group getting Free licenses.

Setting fees as follows: (1) Five dollars for a resident fishing license, (2) five dollars for a resident marine waters fishing license, and (3) seven dollars for a resident all-waters fishing license is reasonable.

This is a reasoned bill and should have minimal opposition.

Thank you