

It should be noted that many Connecticut residents own vintage bagpipes that were crafted with the use of elephant ivory as one of the components. Most of these were made in Scotland from the 19th century up through the 1960s. My brother and I own a set we inherited in from our father. They were made in 1956.

These are beautiful musical instruments, many also adorned with hallmarked Sterling Silver. Their value is assessed more by their origin (maker); historical significance - e.g. previous notable owners, world journeys etc.; aesthetic beauty of wood-combing, design, etc., than for the intrinsic value or desirability of the ivory mounts.

Items like this should be exempt from this law as the owners have in no way contributed to the problem and the crimes that make this law rightfully necessary.

Thank You

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