



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5582

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ALBIS of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE LAND REVOLVER HUNTING PERMIT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-82a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The commissioner shall issue, upon payment of a five-dollar fee, to
4 the owner of ten or more acres of private land or a resident of this
5 state, who has the consent of the owner of ten or more acres of private
6 land, a private land [revolver] handgun permit that allows the use of a
7 [revolver, as defined in section 29-27,] handgun to hunt deer from
8 November first to December thirty-first, inclusive, pursuant to the bag
9 limit established for a private land deer permit under subsection (a) of
10 section 26-86a. For the purposes of this section and section 26-35, as
11 amended by this act, "handgun" means any firearm with a rifled bore
12 that is intended to be fired from a handheld position and that holds
13 individual cartridges in individual chambers regardless of whether
14 such firearm contains multiple chambers arrayed in a cylinder or a

15 single chamber. Any person who uses a handgun to hunt deer
16 pursuant to this section shall additionally use such handgun in
17 accordance with the provisions of title 29 if such handgun meets the
18 definition of a pistol or revolver, as defined in section 29-27. Any
19 person authorized to hunt deer by [revolver] handgun pursuant to this
20 section shall use a cartridge of .357 caliber or larger for such purpose.

21 Sec. 2. Section 26-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

23 Each firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing
24 license or the combination firearms hunting and fishing license, except
25 licenses issued pursuant to subdivisions (4), (19) and (21) of subsection
26 (a) of section 26-28, shall expire December thirty-first next following
27 the date of issue and shall not be transferable. No person shall change
28 or alter such a license or loan to another or permit another to have or
29 use such license issued to himself or use any license issued to another.
30 All licenses shall be carried as designated by the commissioner at all
31 times when such licensee is hunting, trapping or sport fishing and
32 shall be produced for examination upon demand of any conservation
33 officer or other employee of the department designated by the
34 commissioner or any other officer authorized to make arrests or the
35 owner or lessee or the agent of any owner or lessee of any land or
36 water upon which such licensed person may be found. Whenever the
37 commissioner has designated any land or water area a wildlife
38 management study area, he may require such licensee to surrender his
39 license upon entering such area and issue to the licensee an arm band,
40 back tag or other identification. The license shall be returned to the
41 licensee upon leaving such area. Each person receiving a license to
42 hunt or to trap shall make an annual report to the commissioner in
43 such form and at such time as may be required by him showing the
44 numbers and kinds of birds and quadrupeds killed or trapped. A
45 firearms hunting or a combination firearms hunting and fishing license
46 shall not authorize the carrying or possession of a handgun, pistol or
47 revolver, except as provided in section 26-82a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-82a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	26-35

ENV *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Less than 5,000	Less than 5,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill expands the use of private property deer hunting permits to include single-shot handguns (in addition to revolvers).

This may result in a minimal revenue gain from the additional sale of \$5 Private Land Deer Endorsements, totaling less than \$5,000 annually. The five-year average for the sale of revolver endorsements is \$4,572.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of permits sold.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5582*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE LAND REVOLVER HUNTING PERMIT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the types of firearms that a person who holds a permit to hunt deer on private property may use to do such hunting. It does this by allowing the hunter to use a handgun instead of a revolver only. Under the bill, a "handgun" is any handheld firearm with a rifled bore that holds individual cartridges in individual chambers. The handgun may contain multiple chambers on a cylinder or a single chamber. The law defines a "revolver" as a firearm with a barrel length of less than 12 inches. By law, unchanged by the bill, a person hunting with a private land permit must fire cartridges of at least .357 caliber.

By law, the energy and environmental protection commissioner must issue private land hunting permits for a \$5 fee to owners of 10 or more acres of private land or a state resident with such an owner's permission to hunt on the land. Private land deer hunting must be conducted between November 1 and December 31 and is subject to the private land deer permit bag limit the commissioner establishes.

The bill requires someone who hunts with a handgun to use the firearm in accordance with law if it is a pistol or revolver (e.g., have a permit to carry). It also makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 9 (03/16/2016)