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Raised Bill No. 5316

LCO No. 1089



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING SPORT FISHING LICENSES FOR ANGLERS WHO ARE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2017*):

3 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) to [(f)] (g), inclusive, of this
4 section, the fees for firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping and
5 sport fishing licenses or for the combination thereof shall be as follows:
6 (1) Resident firearms hunting license, nineteen dollars; (2) resident
7 fishing license, twenty-eight dollars; (3) resident marine waters fishing
8 license, ten dollars; (4) one-day resident marine waters fishing license,
9 five dollars; (5) resident all-waters fishing license, thirty-two dollars;
10 (6) resident combination license to fish in inland waters and firearms
11 hunt, thirty-eight dollars; (7) resident combination license to fish in
12 marine waters and firearms hunt, twenty-five dollars; (8) resident
13 combination license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, forty
14 dollars; (9) resident combination license to fish in all waters and bow
15 and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to

16 section 26-86c, sixty-five dollars; (10) resident firearms super sport
17 license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, firearms private land
18 shotgun or rifle deer permit issued pursuant to section 26-86a, and
19 permit to hunt wild turkey during the spring season on private land
20 issued pursuant to section 26-48a, seventy dollars; (11) resident archery
21 super sport license to fish in all waters, bow and arrow permit to hunt
22 deer and small game issued pursuant to section 26-86c and permit to
23 hunt wild turkey during the spring season on private land issued
24 pursuant to section 26-48a, eighty-two dollars; (12) resident firearms
25 super sport license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, firearms
26 private land shotgun or rifle deer permit, muzzleloader private land
27 deer permit, pursuant to section 26-86 and private land permit to hunt
28 wild turkey during spring season pursuant to section 26-48a, eighty-
29 four dollars; (13) resident firearms super sport license to fish in all
30 waters and firearms hunt, migratory bird conservation stamp, and
31 migratory bird harvest permit (HIP), fifty dollars; (14) resident
32 trapping license, thirty-four dollars; (15) resident junior trapping
33 license for persons under sixteen years of age, eleven dollars; (16)
34 junior firearms hunting license, eleven dollars; (17) nonresident
35 firearms hunting license, ninety-one dollars; (18) nonresident inland
36 waters fishing license, fifty-five dollars; (19) nonresident inland waters
37 fishing license for a period of three consecutive days, twenty-two
38 dollars; (20) nonresident marine waters fishing license, fifteen dollars;
39 (21) nonresident marine waters fishing license for a period of three
40 consecutive days, eight dollars; (22) nonresident all-waters fishing
41 license, sixty-three dollars; (23) nonresident combination license to
42 firearms hunt and inland waters fish, one hundred ten dollars; (24)
43 nonresident combination license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt,
44 one hundred twenty dollars; (25) nonresident combination license to
45 fish in marine waters and firearms hunt, ninety-four dollars; and (26)
46 nonresident trapping license, two hundred fifty dollars. Persons sixty-
47 five years of age and over who have been residents of this state for not
48 less than one year and who meet the requirements of subsection (b) of
49 section 26-31 may be issued an annual license to firearms hunt or [to

50 fish or combination license to fish and firearms hunt or] a license to
51 trap without fee. [The issuing agency shall indicate on a combination
52 license the specific purpose for which such license is issued.] The town
53 clerk shall retain a recording fee of one dollar for each license issued by
54 such clerk.

55 (b) Any nonresident residing in one of the New England states or
56 the state of New York may procure a license to hunt or to fish or to
57 hunt and fish for the same fee or fees as a resident of this state if such
58 nonresident is a resident of a state the laws of which allow the same
59 privilege to residents of this state.

60 (c) The fee for a group fishing license, as described in subsection (h)
61 of section 26-30, shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars.

62 (d) (1) The fee charged for any firearms hunting, archery hunting,
63 trapping or sport fishing license that is issued to any Connecticut
64 resident who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall be equal to fifty
65 per cent of the fee provided for such license in subsection (a) of this
66 section, rounded to the next highest dollar.

67 (2) The fee charged pursuant to section 26-27b, 26-48a, 26-86a or 26-
68 86c for any firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport
69 fishing permit, tag or stamp that is issued to any Connecticut resident
70 who is [sixteen or seventeen] less than eighteen years of age shall be
71 equal to fifty per cent of the fee provided for such permit, tag or stamp
72 in said sections, rounded to the next highest dollar.

73 (e) In addition to the calendar day designated pursuant to
74 subsection (f) of section 26-27, the Commissioner of Energy and
75 Environmental Protection may designate two additional days in each
76 calendar year on which a one-day license for sport fishing may be
77 issued free of charge. The commissioner may make such one-day
78 license available to all members of the public or to all members of an
79 age group designated by said commissioner.

80 (f) From time to time and for the purpose of increasing
81 participation, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
82 Protection with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Office of Policy
83 and Management, may reduce, but not completely waive, the fee or
84 cost for any license, permit, tag or stamp, or combination thereof, as
85 provided for in this section, section 26-27b, 26-48a, 26-86a or 26-86c.
86 Any such reduction shall: (1) Be for a portion of a calendar year, (2)
87 remain in effect only during the calendar year in which such reduction
88 is made, and (3) be made only if such reduction is provided to all
89 members of the public, to all members of a certain age group, or to
90 individuals who, in such calendar year, successfully complete a course
91 of instruction in fishing techniques, as provided for in section 26-31a or
92 a conservation education course of instruction, as provided for in
93 subsection (a) of section 26-31.

94 (g) The fees for resident annual sport fishing licenses issued to
95 persons sixty-five years of age or older who attained the age of sixty-
96 five years on or after January 1, 2017, shall be as follows: (1) Five
97 dollars for a resident fishing license, (2) five dollars for a resident
98 marine waters fishing license, and (3) seven dollars for a resident all-
99 waters fishing license. Any person who attained the age of sixty-five
100 years prior to January 1, 2017, and who is a resident of the state for not
101 less than one year may be issued an annual license to fish without
102 payment of a fee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2017	26-28

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a fee for anglers who are age sixty-five or older in order to reflect the changing demographics of persons engaged in such fishing in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]