



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5582

LCO No. 2447



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

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 Section 26-82a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 Section 26-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the private land revolver permit to hunt deer to include single shot handguns.

[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.]