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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5315

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF THE
HABITUATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND
THE STATUS OF SNAPPING TURTLES UNDER STATE LAW."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 26-25a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
6 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
7 prohibiting or restricting the feeding of wildlife on state-owned
8 property and prohibiting or restricting the feeding of American black
9 bears or coyotes on property that is not owned by the state. Such
10 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for
11 designating areas subject to such prohibitions or restrictions. Any such
12 designation shall be effective after public notice and a public comment
13 period.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any regulation adopted
 15 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, it shall not constitute a
 16 violation of this section to feed an American black bear provided such
 17 bear is (1) smarter than the average bear, (2) fed from a picnic basket,
 18 (3) merely nibbling or noshing, (4) not knowingly featured in or
 19 associated with any film production of The Walt Disney Company, or
 20 (5) fed from a honey pot provided such pot is of sufficient size, as
 21 determined by the commissioner, such that the tongue, snout and head
 22 of such bear has sufficient space to extend, lick, sniff and explore, as
 23 applicable, without becoming stuck in such pot.

24 [(b)] (c) Any conservation officer appointed pursuant to section 26-5
 25 and any other officer authorized to serve criminal process may enforce
 26 any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Any
 27 violation of such regulations shall be an infraction."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-25a