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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO ESTABLISH A TROUT STAMP AND A RESIDENT GAME BIRD CONSERVATION STAMP, AMENDING CERTAIN HUNTING AND FISHING FEES FOR RESIDENTS LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND ERECTING A PHEASANT STOCKING ACCOUNT AND PROGRAM."

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

3 "Section 1. Section 26-48a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

5 (a) The commissioner may establish, by regulations adopted in
6 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, standards for the
7 management of salmon, [migratory game birds in accordance with
8 section 26-92, pheasant] trout and turkey which shall include provision
9 for the issuance of permits, tags or stamps. The commissioner may

10 charge a fee for a permit, tag or stamp as follows: Not more than
11 nineteen dollars for turkey; [not more than thirteen dollars for
12 migratory game birds; not more than twenty-eight dollars for
13 pheasant] not more than ten dollars for trout and not more than
14 twenty-eight dollars for salmon. No person shall be issued a permit,
15 tag or stamp for [migratory birds, pheasant or] turkey without first
16 obtaining a license to hunt and no person shall be issued a permit, tag
17 or stamp for salmon or trout without first obtaining a license to fish.
18 Notwithstanding any provision of any regulation to the contrary, the
19 commissioner may charge a fee of nineteen dollars for the issuance of a
20 permit to hunt wild turkey on state-owned or private land during the
21 fall season.

22 (b) Such permits, tags or stamps shall be issued to qualified
23 applicants by any town clerk. Application for such permits, tags or
24 stamps shall be on such form and require of the applicant such
25 information as the commissioner may prescribe. The commissioner
26 may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
27 authorizing a town clerk to retain part of any fee paid for a permit, tag
28 or stamp issued by such town clerk pursuant to this section, provided
29 the amount retained shall not be less than fifty cents.

30 Sec. 2. Section 26-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

32 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) to (f), inclusive, of this
33 section, the fees for firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping and
34 sport fishing licenses or for the combination thereof shall be as follows:
35 (1) Resident firearms hunting license, nineteen dollars; (2) resident
36 fishing license, twenty-eight dollars; (3) resident marine waters fishing
37 license, ten dollars; (4) one-day resident marine waters fishing license,
38 five dollars; (5) resident all-waters fishing license, thirty-two dollars;
39 (6) resident combination license to fish in inland waters and firearms
40 hunt, thirty-eight dollars; (7) resident combination license to fish in
41 marine waters and firearms hunt, twenty-five dollars; (8) resident
42 combination license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, forty

43 dollars; (9) resident combination license to fish in all waters and bow
44 and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to
45 section 26-86c, sixty-five dollars; (10) resident firearms super sport
46 license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, firearms private land
47 shotgun or rifle deer permit issued pursuant to section 26-86a, and
48 permit to hunt wild turkey during the spring season on private land
49 issued pursuant to section 26-48a, as amended by this act, seventy
50 dollars; (11) resident archery super sport license to fish in all waters,
51 bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to
52 section 26-86c and permit to hunt wild turkey during the spring season
53 on private land issued pursuant to section 26-48a, as amended by this
54 act, eighty-two dollars; (12) resident firearms super sport license to fish
55 in all waters and firearms hunt, firearms private land shotgun or rifle
56 deer permit, muzzleloader private land deer permit, pursuant to
57 section 26-86 and private land permit to hunt wild turkey during
58 spring season pursuant to section 26-48a, as amended by this act,
59 eighty-four dollars; (13) resident firearms super sport license to fish in
60 all waters and firearms hunt, migratory bird conservation stamp, and
61 migratory bird harvest permit (HIP), fifty dollars; (14) resident
62 trapping license, thirty-four dollars; (15) resident junior trapping
63 license for persons under sixteen years of age, eleven dollars; (16)
64 junior firearms hunting license, eleven dollars; (17) nonresident
65 firearms hunting license, ninety-one dollars; (18) nonresident inland
66 waters fishing license, fifty-five dollars; (19) nonresident inland waters
67 fishing license for a period of three consecutive days, twenty-two
68 dollars; (20) nonresident marine waters fishing license, fifteen dollars;
69 (21) nonresident marine waters fishing license for a period of three
70 consecutive days, eight dollars; (22) nonresident all-waters fishing
71 license, sixty-three dollars; (23) nonresident combination license to
72 firearms hunt and inland waters fish, one hundred ten dollars; (24)
73 nonresident combination license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt,
74 one hundred twenty dollars; (25) nonresident combination license to
75 fish in marine waters and firearms hunt, ninety-four dollars; and (26)
76 nonresident trapping license, two hundred fifty dollars. Persons sixty-
77 five years of age and over who have been residents of this state for not

78 less than one year and who meet the requirements of subsection (b) of
79 section 26-31 may be issued an annual license to firearms hunt or to
80 fish or combination license to fish and firearms hunt or a license to trap
81 without fee. The issuing agency shall indicate on a combination license
82 the specific purpose for which such license is issued. The town clerk
83 shall retain a recording fee of one dollar for each license issued by such
84 clerk.

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

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

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

97 (2) The fee charged pursuant to section 26-27b, as amended by this
98 act, 26-48a, as amended by this act, 26-86a or 26-86c for any firearms
99 hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing permit, tag or
100 stamp that is issued to any Connecticut resident who is [sixteen or
101 seventeen] less than eighteen years of age shall be equal to fifty per
102 cent of the fee provided for such permit, tag or stamp in said sections,
103 rounded to the next highest dollar.

104 (e) In addition to the calendar day designated pursuant to
105 subsection (f) of section 26-27, the Commissioner of Energy and
106 Environmental Protection may designate two additional days in each
107 calendar year on which a one-day license for sport fishing may be
108 issued free of charge. The commissioner may make such one-day
109 license available to all members of the public or to all members of an

110 age group designated by said commissioner.

111 (f) From time to time and for the purpose of increasing
112 participation, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
113 Protection with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Office of Policy
114 and Management, may reduce, but not completely waive, the fee or
115 cost for any license, permit, tag or stamp, or combination thereof, as
116 provided for in this section, section 26-27b, as amended by this act, 26-
117 48a, as amended by this act, 26-86a or 26-86c. Any such reduction shall:
118 (1) Be for a portion of a calendar year, (2) remain in effect only during
119 the calendar year in which such reduction is made, and (3) be made
120 only if such reduction is provided to all members of the public, to all
121 members of a certain age group, or to individuals who, in such
122 calendar year, successfully complete a course of instruction in fishing
123 techniques, as provided for in section 26-31a or a conservation
124 education course of instruction, as provided for in subsection (a) of
125 section 26-31.

126 Sec. 3. Section 26-27b of the general statutes is repealed and the
127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

128 (a) [On or after July 1, 1993, no] No person sixteen years of age or
129 older may hunt [waterfowl] migratory birds or take [waterfowl]
130 migratory birds in the state without first procuring a Connecticut
131 Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp and having such stamp in his or
132 her possession [. The] and no person may hunt a resident bird or take a
133 resident game bird without first procuring a Connecticut Resident
134 Game Bird Conservation Stamp. Each such stamp shall not be
135 transferable and shall be issued annually.

136 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
137 shall provide for the design, production and procurement of the
138 mandatory Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp and the
139 mandatory Connecticut Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp and
140 shall, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of
141 chapter 54, provide for the issuance of [the] each stamp. Stamps shall

142 be sold at a price determined by the commissioner, provided the price
143 of a mandatory [stamp] Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation
144 Stamp shall not exceed [thirteen] seventeen dollars and the price of a
145 mandatory Connecticut Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp shall
146 not exceed twenty-eight dollars. The commissioner shall establish an
147 additional voluntary migratory bird and resident game bird
148 conservation donation of not less than two dollars that shall be
149 deposited in the migratory bird and resident game bird conservation
150 account established under section 26-27c, as amended by this act. Any
151 agent issuing such stamps may retain a fee established by the
152 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to
153 section 26-3c for each stamp sold and shall remit the balance to the
154 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

155 Sec. 4. Section 26-27c of the general statutes is repealed and the
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

157 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
158 provide for the Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp and
159 the Connecticut Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp to be
160 reproduced and marketed in the form of prints and other related
161 artwork. Funds generated from such marketing and the sale of such
162 stamps pursuant to section 26-27b, as amended by this act, shall be
163 deposited in a separate account maintained by the Treasurer and
164 known as the migratory bird and resident game bird conservation
165 account. Within said account, there shall be a subaccount for the
166 voluntary migratory bird and resident game bird conservation
167 donation collected pursuant to section 26-27b, as amended by this act.
168 The migratory bird and resident game bird conservation account shall
169 be a separate, nonlapsing account of the General Fund. All funds
170 credited to the migratory bird and resident game bird conservation
171 account and subaccount shall only be used for: (1) The development,
172 management, preservation, conservation, acquisition, purchase and
173 maintenance of [waterfowl] migratory and resident game birds,
174 migratory and resident game bird habitat and wetlands and purchase
175 or acquisition of recreational rights or interests relating to migratory

176 and resident game birds; and (2) the design, production, promotion
177 and procurement and sale of the prints and related artwork.

178 Sec. 5. Section 26-27d of the general statutes is repealed and the
179 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

180 (a) There is established a Citizens' Advisory Board for the
181 Connecticut Migratory Bird and Resident Game Bird Conservation
182 [Stamp] Stamps program. The board shall consist of seven members
183 appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
184 Protection. The members of the board shall be individuals representing
185 organizations having a record of activity in migratory or resident game
186 bird or [wetland] habitat conservation or who have an expertise or
187 recognized knowledge in an area pertinent and valuable to the
188 program. The board shall elect a chairman from among its
189 membership on or before July 1, 1992. The chairman shall be
190 unaffiliated with any administrative agency of the state.

191 (b) The board shall advise the Commissioner of Energy and
192 Environmental Protection on the design, production and procurement
193 of the Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp and the
194 Connecticut Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp and the
195 expenditure of funds generated from the sale of such stamps and
196 associated art products pursuant to sections 26-27b, as amended by
197 this act, and 26-27c, as amended by this act.

198 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of Energy
199 and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance
200 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish a
201 three day out-of-state bird hunting license that may be used to hunt
202 migratory birds and resident game birds. The fee for such license shall
203 be thirty-five dollars and shall be in addition to any other permit or
204 stamp requirement. All funds collected from such fee shall be
205 deposited into the migratory bird and resident game bird conservation
206 account established pursuant to section 26-27c of the general statutes,
207 as amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	26-48a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	26-28
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	26-27b
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	26-27c
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	26-27d
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section