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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE LAND REVOLVER  
HUNTING PERMIT."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

5 (a) No person shall buy, sell or exchange, or have in possession with  
6 intent to sell or exchange, any wild or game bird, wild quadruped,  
7 reptile or amphibian, alive or dead, or parts thereof, including  
8 plumage of any such bird, except as provided in this chapter, provided  
9 any game bird, wild quadruped, reptile or amphibian, alive or dead, or  
10 parts thereof, not including plumage of any such bird, legally taken  
11 and legally transported into this state from any other state or country  
12 which does not prohibit the sale or exportation of such bird, wild  
13 quadruped, reptile or amphibian, may be bought or sold in this state at

14 any time of the year under such regulations as may be made by the  
15 commissioner. The commissioner may make regulations governing the  
16 importation, transportation, purchase, sale or exchange of wild or  
17 game bird plumage. Any wild or game bird, wild quadruped, reptile  
18 or amphibian, alive or dead, or parts thereof, including plumage of  
19 such birds, possessed contrary to any of the provisions of this section  
20 or any regulation made by the commissioner, shall be seized by any  
21 representative of the department; and the commissioner or his  
22 authorized agent shall make disposition of the same by sale or  
23 destruction or by gift to any educational institution, museum,  
24 zoological park or any other suitable place where in the opinion of the  
25 commissioner an educational purpose will be served. The provisions of  
26 this section shall not prohibit the possession, sale or exchange of heads,  
27 hides or pelts of legally acquired deer and fur-bearing animals or the  
28 possession and mounting of legally acquired game birds, wild  
29 quadrupeds, reptiles and amphibians. Each wild or game bird, wild  
30 quadruped, reptile or amphibian, or part thereof, or each lot or  
31 package of wild or game bird plumage, possessed contrary to any  
32 provision of this section or any regulation issued by the commissioner,  
33 shall constitute a separate offense. Said commissioner may make  
34 regulations authorizing the importation, exportation, possession, sale  
35 and exchange of legally acquired, protected and unprotected species of  
36 live wild birds, live wild quadrupeds, reptiles and amphibians under  
37 such conditions as said commissioner shall determine. Said  
38 commissioner may order any such bird, quadruped, reptile or  
39 amphibian impounded for such period, at such place and in such  
40 manner as is determined by the commissioner, to allow examination to  
41 determine if such bird, quadruped, reptile or amphibian is diseased or  
42 infected with parasites, and the commissioner is authorized to order  
43 the destruction of such bird, quadruped, reptile or amphibian when in  
44 his opinion such action would be advisable in the public interest. Any  
45 person who violates any provision of this section or any regulation or  
46 order issued by the commissioner under this section shall be guilty of a  
47 class C misdemeanor. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
48 snapping turtles except as provided in regulations adopted pursuant

49 to subsection (b) of this section.

50 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with  
51 the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the purchase, sale, exchange  
52 and possession of snapping turtles, whether living or not, and any part  
53 thereof. Any snapping turtle purchased, sold or exchanged pursuant to  
54 this section and any snapping turtle captured pursuant to any  
55 regulation adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 26-66  
56 shall be reported to the commissioner in such form and manner as  
57 required by the commissioner."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2016	26-78