



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 5525



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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5315 File No. 739 Cal. No. 515

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE HABITUATION OF BEARS AND
COYOTES ON PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THE STATE."**

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 Section 26-25a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 bears or coyotes
9 on property that is not owned by the state. Such regulations shall
10 include, but not be limited to, procedures for designating areas subject
11 to such prohibitions or restrictions and authorization to issue warnings
12 and provide educational materials for: (1) First-time violations, and (2)
13 activities that are de minimis in nature that do not constitute a
14 violation, if either occur on property that is not owned by the state.
15 The feeding of birds throughout the year shall constitute a de minimis

16 activity for purposes of such regulations. Any such designation shall
17 be effective after public notice and a public comment period.

18 (b) Any conservation officer appointed pursuant to section 26-5 and
19 any other officer authorized to serve criminal process may enforce any
20 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Any
21 violation of such regulations shall be an infraction, except a first-time
22 violation, that occurs on property that is not owned by the state shall
23 result in the issuance of a written warning and provision of education
24 materials."

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