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

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-82a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 The commissioner shall issue, upon payment of a five-dollar fee, to
6 the owner of ten or more acres of private land or a resident of this
7 state, who has the consent of the owner of ten or more acres of private
8 land, a private land [revolver] handgun permit that allows the use of a
9 [revolver, as defined in section 29-27,] handgun to hunt deer from
10 November first to December thirty-first, inclusive, pursuant to the bag
11 limit established for a private land deer permit under subsection (a) of
12 section 26-86a. For the purposes of this section and section 26-35, as
13 amended by this act, "handgun" means any firearm with a rifled bore

14 that is intended to be fired from a handheld position and that holds
15 individual cartridges in individual chambers regardless of whether
16 such firearm contains multiple chambers arrayed in a cylinder or a
17 single chamber. Any person who uses a handgun to hunt deer
18 pursuant to this section shall additionally use such handgun in
19 accordance with the provisions of title 29 if such handgun meets the
20 definition of a pistol or revolver, as defined in section 29-27. Any
21 person authorized to hunt deer by [revolver] handgun pursuant to this
22 section shall use a cartridge of .357 caliber or larger for such purpose.

23 Sec. 502. Section 26-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the
24 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

25 Each firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing
26 license or the combination firearms hunting and fishing license, except
27 licenses issued pursuant to subdivisions (4), (19) and (21) of subsection
28 (a) of section 26-28, shall expire December thirty-first next following
29 the date of issue and shall not be transferable. No person shall change
30 or alter such a license or loan to another or permit another to have or
31 use such license issued to himself or use any license issued to another.
32 All licenses shall be carried as designated by the commissioner at all
33 times when such licensee is hunting, trapping or sport fishing and
34 shall be produced for examination upon demand of any conservation
35 officer or other employee of the department designated by the
36 commissioner or any other officer authorized to make arrests or the
37 owner or lessee or the agent of any owner or lessee of any land or
38 water upon which such licensed person may be found. Whenever the
39 commissioner has designated any land or water area a wildlife
40 management study area, he may require such licensee to surrender his
41 license upon entering such area and issue to the licensee an arm band,
42 back tag or other identification. The license shall be returned to the
43 licensee upon leaving such area. Each person receiving a license to
44 hunt or to trap shall make an annual report to the commissioner in
45 such form and at such time as may be required by him showing the
46 numbers and kinds of birds and quadrupeds killed or trapped. A
47 firearms hunting or a combination firearms hunting and fishing license

48 shall not authorize the carrying or possession of a handgun, pistol or
49 revolver, except as provided in section 26-82a.

50 Sec. 503. Section 26-78 of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

52 (a) No person shall buy, sell or exchange, or have in possession with
53 intent to sell or exchange, any wild or game bird, wild quadruped,
54 reptile or amphibian, alive or dead, or parts thereof, including
55 plumage of any such bird, except as provided in this chapter, provided
56 any game bird, wild quadruped, reptile or amphibian, alive or dead, or
57 parts thereof, not including plumage of any such bird, legally taken
58 and legally transported into this state from any other state or country
59 which does not prohibit the sale or exportation of such bird, wild
60 quadruped, reptile or amphibian, may be bought or sold in this state at
61 any time of the year under such regulations as may be made by the
62 commissioner. The commissioner may make regulations governing the
63 importation, transportation, purchase, sale or exchange of wild or
64 game bird plumage. Any wild or game bird, wild quadruped, reptile
65 or amphibian, alive or dead, or parts thereof, including plumage of
66 such birds, possessed contrary to any of the provisions of this section
67 or any regulation made by the commissioner, shall be seized by any
68 representative of the department; and the commissioner or his
69 authorized agent shall make disposition of the same by sale or
70 destruction or by gift to any educational institution, museum,
71 zoological park or any other suitable place where in the opinion of the
72 commissioner an educational purpose will be served. The provisions of
73 this section shall not prohibit the possession, sale or exchange of heads,
74 hides or pelts of legally acquired deer and fur-bearing animals or the
75 possession and mounting of legally acquired game birds, wild
76 quadrupeds, reptiles and amphibians. Each wild or game bird, wild
77 quadruped, reptile or amphibian, or part thereof, or each lot or
78 package of wild or game bird plumage, possessed contrary to any
79 provision of this section or any regulation issued by the commissioner,
80 shall constitute a separate offense. Said commissioner may make
81 regulations authorizing the importation, exportation, possession, sale

82 and exchange of legally acquired, protected and unprotected species of
 83 live wild birds, live wild quadrupeds, reptiles and amphibians under
 84 such conditions as said commissioner shall determine. Said
 85 commissioner may order any such bird, quadruped, reptile or
 86 amphibian impounded for such period, at such place and in such
 87 manner as is determined by the commissioner, to allow examination to
 88 determine if such bird, quadruped, reptile or amphibian is diseased or
 89 infected with parasites, and the commissioner is authorized to order
 90 the destruction of such bird, quadruped, reptile or amphibian when in
 91 his opinion such action would be advisable in the public interest. Any
 92 person who violates any provision of this section or any regulation or
 93 order issued by the commissioner under this section shall be guilty of a
 94 class C misdemeanor. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
 95 snapping turtles except as provided in regulations adopted pursuant
 96 to subsection (b) of this section.

97 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
 98 the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the purchase, sale, exchange
 99 and possession of snapping turtles, whether living or not, and any part
 100 thereof. Any snapping turtle purchased, sold or exchanged pursuant to
 101 this section and any snapping turtle taken pursuant to any regulation
 102 adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 26-66 shall be
 103 reported to the commissioner in such form and manner as required by
 104 the commissioner.

105 (c) After reviewing any data reported pursuant to subsection (b) of
 106 this section, the commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
 107 twenty dollars for any person to engage in the purchase, sale or
 108 exchanged of snapping turtles."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	26-82a
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	26-35
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	26-78