



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 6068



Offered by:
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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 Section 26-25a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 and that is designated by
10 the commissioner as an area where such feeding of bears or coyotes is
11 prohibited or restricted. Such regulations shall include, but not be
12 limited to, procedures for designating areas subject to such
13 prohibitions or restrictions and authorization to issue warnings and
14 provide educational materials for first-time violations for feeding bears
15 or coyotes that occur on property that is not owned by the state and

16 that is designated by the commissioner as an area where such feeding
17 of bears or coyotes is prohibited or restricted. Any such designation
18 shall be effective after public notice and a public comment period.

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

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