



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 252**

January Session, 2017

Substitute House Bill No. 5858

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2017*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. DEMICCO of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT AUTHORIZING LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) Notwithstanding the
- 2 provisions of chapter 490 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of
- 3 Energy and Environmental Protection may establish and issue lifetime
- 4 hunting and fishing licenses, permits and stamps and combinations
- 5 thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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**ENV** Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to issue lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, but does not specify any fees or criteria for obtaining these licenses.

Any revenue gain to the state would depend on the revenue schedule adopted by DEEP for lifetime licenses, and the number of people who purchase them. In FY 16, there were 313,105 hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses sold generating approximately \$7 million in revenue.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of licenses sold.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5858**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to establish and issue lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps, or combinations thereof. It does not specify any fees or criteria for obtaining these licenses. Under existing laws, DEEP generally issues hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps annually, subject to specified fees (CGS § 26-27 et seq.).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/10/2017)