



General Assembly

February Session, 2018

Raised Bill No. 5364

LCO No. 1651



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF HORSESHOE CRABS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person shall engage
2 in the hand-harvest of horseshoe crabs from any area of the shoreline
3 located in the town of Stratford between Stratford Point and Sniffen
4 Point.

5 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
6 section shall have committed an infraction and may pay the fine by
7 mail or plead not guilty under the provisions of section 51-164n of the
8 general statutes, as amended by this act.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2018 supplement to
10 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
11 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

12 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any
13 person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the
14 provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-

15 283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-197, 10-
16 198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g,
17 subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section
18 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-
19 113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-
20 143b, 13a-247 or 13a-253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-
21 90, 13b-221, 13b-292, 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or
22 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414,
23 subsection (d) of section 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (e)
24 of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49,
25 14-50a or 14-58, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a, 14-66b
26 or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-
27 80h, section 14-97a, 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152,
28 14-153 or 14-163b, a first violation as specified in subsection (f) of
29 section 14-164i, section 14-219 as specified in subsection (e) of said
30 section, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-249, 14-
31 250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-261a, section 14-262, 14-264,
32 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or 14-279, subsection (e) or (h)
33 of section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-
34 319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1),
35 (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of
36 section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-44, 16-256e,
37 16a-15 or 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 17a-24,
38 17a-145, 17a-149, 17a-152, 17a-465, 17a-642, 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137,
39 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a,
40 section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-222,
41 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336,
42 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-231,
43 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-341l, 20-366, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610,
44 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48, 21-63 or 21-76a, subdivision (1) of
45 section 21a-19, section 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
46 section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-
47 37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63 or 21a-77, subsection (b) of section
48 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of

49 section 21a-159, subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, section 22-12b, 22-
50 13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39,
51 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-39d, 22-39e, 22-49 or 22-54, subsection (d) of
52 section 22-84, section 22-89, 22-90, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100, 22-111o, 22-167,
53 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a, 22-326 or 22-342, subsection
54 (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-344, section 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-
55 414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250,
56 subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or 22a-381d,
57 subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-
58 37, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of
59 subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of
60 section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-16, 26-18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31,
61 26-31c, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59,
62 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,
63 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,
64 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 26-131, 26-132, 26-
65 138 or 26-141, subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 26-142a,
66 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 26-157b, section 1 of this act,
67 subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-
68 224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-232,
69 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-294,
70 28-13, 29-6a, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e)
71 or (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of
72 section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section
73 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-10, 31-
74 11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-
75 36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54,
76 subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76,
77 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288,
78 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, section 36a-787, 42-230, 45a-283, 45a-
79 450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54,
80 section 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16, 53-
81 133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-302a, 53-303e,
82 53-311a, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331 or 53-344, subsection (c) of

83 section 53-344b, or section 53-450, or (2) a violation under the
84 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted
85 in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410,
86 or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town,
87 city or borough, except violations of building codes and the health
88 code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed
89 two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has
90 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation
91 pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this
92 section.

93 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2019,
94 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
95 submit recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
96 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
97 environment on the establishment of any restricted areas for the taking
98 of horseshoe crabs in the state and any changes to the season for the
99 taking of horseshoe crabs in the state for the purpose of preserving the
100 horseshoe crab population in the state.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> | 51-164n(b) |
| Sec. 3 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the taking of horseshoe crabs at certain locations in Stratford and require recommendations concerning the protection of horseshoe crabs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]