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"AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING AND VAPING ON BEACHES IN STATE PARKS."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

5 (a) Resident licenses to firearms hunt, archery hunt, trap or fish, or
6 the combination thereof, shall be issued only to qualified applicants
7 therefor by the town clerk of any town, an agent of such town clerk
8 deputized pursuant to subsection (f) of this section or an agent of the
9 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection licensed
10 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. Such licenses shall be issued
11 in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe.

12 (b) Nonresident licenses shall be issued by any town clerk, an agent

13 of such town clerk or an agent of the commissioner, except that
14 nonresident trapping licenses shall be issued by the commissioner.

15 (c) Applications shall be made on forms furnished by the
16 commissioner, containing such information as the commissioner may
17 require, and any such application forms shall have printed thereon, "I
18 declare under the penalties of false statement that the statements
19 herein made by me are true and correct." Any person who makes any
20 material false statement on such application form shall be guilty of
21 false statement and shall be subject to the penalties provided for false
22 statement, and said offense shall be deemed to have been committed in
23 the town in which such application is presented or received for
24 processing.

25 (d) No application shall contain any material false statement.

26 (e) The town clerk, an agent of such town clerk or an agent of the
27 commissioner shall, upon receipt of such application, correctly filled
28 out and accompanied by the required fee, issue to such applicant the
29 appropriate license. If such application is by mail, the town clerk shall
30 mail such license to such applicant within five days from the receipt of
31 the application and proper fee.

32 (f) The town clerk of any town may deputize agents in such town to
33 issue firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping and fishing licenses,
34 or the combination thereof, provided he shall be solely responsible for
35 compliance with the provisions of the statutes relating to the duties of
36 the town clerk in connection with such licenses and the moneys
37 received therefor.

38 (g) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
39 may, upon application by persons on forms furnished by the
40 commissioner and containing such information as the commissioner
41 may require, license such persons as agents for the issuance of firearms
42 hunting, archery hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, or the
43 combination thereof. Upon the request of any agent licensed by the
44 commissioner, the town clerk of the town in which such agent

45 conducts business shall sell license forms to such agent at the regular
46 license cost minus twenty-five cents for such agent's fee. Not later than
47 the first Monday of each month, such agent shall remit to the town
48 clerk from whom the license forms were purchased any license forms
49 voided by such agent and two copies of all licenses sold by such agent
50 during the preceding month. Upon the request of an agent, the town
51 clerk shall reimburse such agent for any unused or voided license
52 forms remitted to such town clerk.

53 (h) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
54 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified
55 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
56 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
57 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group
58 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related or other
59 disability who receive services at a facility of the United States
60 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2)
61 who receive mental health or addiction services from: (A) The
62 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-
63 operated facilities, as defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or
64 facilities funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
65 Services, as provided for in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and
66 17a-676, (3) with intellectual disability who receive services from the
67 Department of Developmental Services, as provided for in section 17a-
68 217, or from facilities licensed by the Department of Developmental
69 Services, as provided for in section 17a-227, (4) diagnosed with autism
70 spectrum disorder who receive services from the Department of Social
71 Services, or (5) receiving care from the Department of Children and
72 Families, as provided for in section 17a-94, or from programs or child-
73 care facilities licensed pursuant to section 17a-145 or 17a-147. Any such
74 organization shall conduct not more than fifty such events, including
75 marine and inland water events, in any calendar year and each such
76 event shall be limited to not more than [fifty] one hundred persons.
77 Application for such a group fishing license shall be submitted once
78 per calendar year on a form prescribed by the commissioner and with

79 the necessary fee and shall provide such information as required by
 80 the commissioner. All fishing activities conducted pursuant to such
 81 group license shall be supervised by staff or volunteers of the
 82 organization conducting the event or events. Such staff or volunteers
 83 shall possess such group fishing license at the site of any such event or
 84 events. Each such staff member or volunteer shall have a license to
 85 fish. Such organization shall, not later than ten days after such group
 86 fishing event, report to the commissioner, on forms provided by the
 87 commissioner, information on the results of such event. Such
 88 information shall include, but not be limited to, the total: (A) Number
 89 of participants, (B) hours fished, (C) number of each species caught,
 90 and (D) number of each species not released. Such organization shall
 91 not charge a fee to any person that participates in any such group
 92 fishing event conducted pursuant to such group fishing license and
 93 any such group fishing event shall not be used by such organization as
 94 a fund raising event.

95 (i) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
 96 provide a credit of not more than four hundred dollars to a new or
 97 existing agent who seeks to utilize the state agent platform to issue
 98 firearms, hunting, archery hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, or
 99 the combination thereof, in accordance with this section. Any such
 100 credit shall be provided as a one-time incentive to reimburse such
 101 agent's costs related to implementing automated license sales. The
 102 commissioner shall establish eligibility criteria for such credit that are
 103 based on hardship and the documented costs for implementing
 104 automated license sales for such agent."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2019	26-30