



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
SEN. MINER, 30<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 6637      File No. 183      Cal. No. 664

**"AN ACT REQUIRING AN INVASIVE SPECIES STAMP FOR THE OPERATION OF A MOTORBOAT ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE."**

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 Section 26-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 January 1, 2020*):

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	January 1, 2020	26-30