



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 137

LCO No. 463



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF BLACK BEARS,
ESTABLISHING A WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
AUTHORIZING CERTAIN HAZING TECHNIQUES IN MUNICIPALITIES
WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BLACK BEAR SIGHTINGS.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to prohibit certain feeding of
- 2 black bears and establish a wildlife advisory committee charged with
- 3 developing a program to offer nonprojectile hazing pistols to animal
- 4 control officers in towns that experience a significant number of bear
- 5 sightings, as determined by data compiled by the Department of Energy
- 6 and Environmental Protection.

Statement of Purpose:

To address black bear sighting and safety issues.