General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **925**   File No. 637   Cal. No. 164

(As Amended)

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES."

1   Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2   following in lieu thereof:

3   "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
4   Energy and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in
5   accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the hunting of
6   black bear. Such regulations shall: (1) Permit the taking of black bear
7   during the first year of such hunting at a rate that does not exceed five
8   per cent of the total black bear population in the state as of the effective
9   date of this section; (2) provide for such taking of black bear in
10   municipalities where there is reported to the Department of Energy and
11   Environmental Protection: (A) An increase of not less than twenty-five

12   per cent in bear sightings from the previous calendar year, (B) any
13   damage to property by any such bear, (C) mutilation of livestock or pets
14   by any such bear, or (D) any attempted entry to any residence or
15   automobile by such a bear; and (3) require the submission of a report to
16   the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
17   cognizance of matters relating to the environment one year after the
18   beginning of such black bear hunting that includes information on the
19   number of black bear taken pursuant to such hunting, the number of
20   licenses issued by the department to hunt such black bear and any
21   recommendations of the commissioner for any modifications to such
22   black bear hunting in the state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section