



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 244

LCO No. 1640



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING WILDLIFE THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO LIVESTOCK, POULTRY OR BEES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 26-47 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2022*):

4 (a) When it is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner that
5 wildlife is causing unreasonable damage to agricultural crops, [during
6 the night and it is found by the commissioner that control of such
7 damage by wildlife is impracticable during the daylight hours]
8 livestock, poultry or bees, the commissioner may issue permits for the
9 taking of such wildlife as the commissioner deems necessary to control
10 such damage by such method and at such time of day as the
11 commissioner determines, including the use of lights, during the period
12 between sunset and sunrise, upon written application of the owner or
13 lessee of record of the land on which such crops are grown or such
14 livestock, poultry or bees are cared for, raised or fed. Such permits may
15 be issued to any qualified person designated by such landowner or

16 lessee. The person to whom such permit is issued shall be held
17 responsible for complying with the conditions under which such permit
18 is issued that shall include, but not be limited to, the taking of such
19 wildlife on the land where such crops are grown or such livestock,
20 poultry or bees are cared for, raised or fed. The person to whom such
21 permit is issued may retain any wildlife taken pursuant to such a permit.
22 The provisions of this section shall not apply to deer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	26-47(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the taking of wildlife that causes damage to livestock, poultry or bees.

[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.]