



House Bill No. 6484

Public Act No. 23-6

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN HARVESTING OF HORSESHOE CRABS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of title 26 of the general statutes, no person shall engage in the hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs or the eggs of horseshoe crabs from the waters of this state.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may authorize the hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs by permit for educational or scientific purposes provided the commissioner determines that such harvesting will not cause harm to the horseshoe crab population in this state.

(c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each specimen taken in violation of this section.

(d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall enforce the provisions of this section.

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