General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 5376

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LCO No. **1071**

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
REP. OSBORNE, 16th Dist.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INTENTIONAL FEEDING OF WILDLIFE.

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

That the general statutes be amended to prohibit (1) the feeding, giving, placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of any edible material, attractant or other substance with the intention of feeding, attracting or enticing wildlife including bears, deer, coyotes, bobcats, fisher cats, turkeys and wild birds; (2) bird feeders from being used from April 1st through November 30th, inclusive, of each year unless the source is recognized as not being desirable to bears, such as, but not limited to, Nyjer or thistle; (3) the improper storage of food, refuse and other wildlife attractants.

Statement of Purpose:
To prohibit the intentional feeding of wildlife, restrict the use of bird feeders and disallow the improper storage of food, garbage and wildlife attractants in order to reduce the frequency and likelihood of negative human interactions with such wildlife.