



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Raised Bill No. 6484

LCO No. 2962



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN HARVESTING OF HORSESHOE
CRABS.***

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

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

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

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

14 (d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall

15 enforce the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs.

[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.]