



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
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**"AN ACT BANNING THE POSSESSION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND THE IMPORTATION, POSSESSION AND LIBERATION OF WILD ANIMALS."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. Section 26-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4      following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

5      (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, Sunday shall  
6      be a closed season except for the purpose of trapping under the  
7      provisions of this chapter. The possession in the open air on Sunday of  
8      any implement for hunting shall be prima facie evidence of hunting in  
9      violation of the provisions of this section. No provision of this section  
10     shall be construed so as to affect any provision of section 26-31, 26-48,  
11     26-52 or 27-35 or apply to the use of bow and arrow for purposes other  
12     than hunting. Artificially propagated birds designated by the  
13     commissioner may be shot on Sundays on licensed private shooting  
14     preserves subject to such regulations of the commissioner as may

15 apply to such private shooting preserves, provided permission so to  
16 shoot has been obtained from the town or towns within which such  
17 licensed private shooting preserves are located.

18 (b) The commissioner may allow Sunday hunting with a bow and  
19 arrow on private property in areas designated by the commissioner  
20 that require additional management to control game species  
21 overpopulation, provided the commissioner shall not allow such  
22 Sunday hunting on land containing or adjacent to a designated hiking  
23 trail. A person hunting on private property pursuant to this subsection  
24 shall obtain the written consent of the owner of such private property,  
25 or of such owner's authorized agent and from the owners of all private  
26 property within a five-mile radius of the property such person intends  
27 to hunt on, or from such owners' authorized agents. Such written  
28 consent shall be carried by such person while hunting pursuant to this  
29 subsection.

30 (c) A person hunting on private property pursuant to subsection (b)  
31 of this section shall ensure that any deer taken by such person are  
32 dispatched in a humane and timely fashion.

33 Sec. 2. Section 26-86a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

35 (a) The commissioner shall establish by regulation adopted in  
36 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 standards for deer  
37 management, and methods, regulated areas, bag limits, seasons and  
38 permit eligibility for hunting deer with bow and arrow, muzzleloader  
39 and shotgun. [, except that no] No such hunting shall be permitted on  
40 Sunday, except as provided in section 26-73, as amended by this act.  
41 No person shall hunt, pursue, wound or kill deer with a firearm  
42 without first obtaining a deer permit from the commissioner in  
43 addition to the license required by section 26-27. Application for such  
44 permit shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner and  
45 containing such information as he may require. Such permit shall be of  
46 a design prescribed by the commissioner, shall contain such

47 information and conditions as the commissioner may require, and may  
48 be revoked for violation of any provision of this chapter or regulations  
49 adopted pursuant thereto. As used in this section, "muzzleloader"  
50 means a rifle or shotgun of at least forty-five caliber, incapable of firing  
51 a self-contained cartridge, which uses powder, a projectile, including,  
52 but not limited to, a standard round ball, mini-balls, maxi-balls and  
53 Sabot bullets, and wadding loaded separately at the muzzle end and  
54 "rifle" means a long gun the projectile of which is six millimeters or  
55 larger in diameter. The fee for a firearms permit shall be fourteen  
56 dollars for residents of the state and fifty dollars for nonresidents,  
57 except that any nonresident who is an active full-time member of the  
58 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, may purchase a firearms  
59 permit for the same fee as is charged a resident of the state. The  
60 commissioner shall issue, without fee, a private land deer permit to the  
61 owner of ten or more acres of private land and the husband or wife,  
62 parent, grandparent, sibling and any lineal descendant of such owner,  
63 provided no such owner, husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling  
64 or lineal descendant shall be issued more than one such permit per  
65 season. Such permit shall allow the use of a rifle, shotgun,  
66 muzzleloader or bow and arrow on such land from November first to  
67 December thirty-first, inclusive. Deer may be so hunted at such times  
68 and in such areas of such state-owned land as are designated by the  
69 Commissioner of Environmental Protection and on privately owned  
70 land with the signed consent of the landowner, on forms furnished by  
71 the department, and such signed consent shall be carried by any  
72 person when so hunting on private land. The owner of ten acres or  
73 more of private land may allow the use of a rifle to hunt deer on such  
74 land during the shotgun season. The commissioner shall determine, by  
75 regulation, the number of consent forms issued for any regulated area  
76 established by said commissioner. The commissioner shall provide for  
77 a fair and equitable random method for the selection of successful  
78 applicants who may obtain shotgun and muzzleloader permits for  
79 hunting deer on state lands. Any person whose name appears on more  
80 than one application for a shotgun permit or more than one  
81 application for a muzzleloader permit shall be disqualified from the

82 selection process for such permit. No person shall hunt, pursue,  
83 wound or kill deer with a bow and arrow without first obtaining a  
84 bow and arrow permit pursuant to section 26-86c. "Bow and arrow" as  
85 used in this section and in section 26-86c means a bow with a draw  
86 weight of not less than forty pounds. The arrowhead shall have two or  
87 more blades and may not be less than seven-eighths of an inch at the  
88 widest point. No person shall carry firearms of any kind while hunting  
89 with a bow and arrow under [said sections] this section and section 26-  
90 86c.

91 (b) Any person who takes a deer without a permit shall be fined not  
92 less than two hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars or  
93 imprisoned not less than thirty days or more than six months or shall  
94 be both fined and imprisoned, for the first offense, and for each  
95 subsequent offense shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars or  
96 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year  
97 or shall be both fined and imprisoned."