



General Assembly

January Session, 2017

**Committee Bill No. 129**

LCO No. 3178



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF MUSHROOMS AT STATE PARKS AND ON OTHER STATE PROPERTY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 23-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may  
4 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 for  
5 the maintenance of order, safety and sanitation upon the lands under  
6 the commissioner's control and for the protection of trees and other  
7 property and the preservation of the natural beauty thereof and fix  
8 penalties not exceeding a fine of ninety dollars for violation of such  
9 regulations. The commissioner may prohibit the possession or  
10 consumption of alcoholic beverages on such lands provided, for any  
11 such lands where the consumption or possession of alcoholic  
12 beverages was not prohibited by the commissioner as of October 1,  
13 1999, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
14 provisions of chapter 54, to prohibit such activity. Such regulations  
15 shall be posted in conspicuous places upon such lands. Any person  
16 who violates any such regulation shall have committed an infraction

17 and may pay the fine by mail or plead not guilty under the provisions  
18 of section 51-164n. The provisions of section 51-164m shall not apply to  
19 this section. Any person convicted of a violation of such regulations or  
20 who forfeits a bond taken upon any such complaint may be prohibited  
21 from entering any state park by the commissioner for not more than  
22 one year from the date of such conviction.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section  
24 and any regulation adopted pursuant to said subsection, the  
25 commissioner shall authorize any person to take mushrooms from any  
26 lands under the control of the commissioner provided such taking is  
27 for personal use only.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	23-4

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow mushroom picking on state lands.

Co-Sponsors: SEN. MINER, 30th Dist.

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*[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.]*