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AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN KILLING OF BLACK BEAR
AND PROHIBITING BIRD FEEDERS AND OTHER
UNINTENTIONAL AND INTENTIONAL FEEDING OF
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 8180)

Senate Calendar No.: 314

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill alters several laws concerning bears and other potentially dangerous wildlife. It: (1) addresses when a person may kill a bear for self-defense, (2) allows a person to kill certain nuisance wildlife with a permit, and (3) prohibits the intentional feeding of bears (and bobcats, coyote, foxes, etc.) on non-state land. This may result in a revenue gain to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to the extent agency enforcement of this provision results in fines from violations.

Senate "A" removes a provision regarding "unintentionally feeding" potentially dangerous wildlife that had been in section 3 of the underlying bill. This reduces the potential revenue gain to DEEP since enforcement of a ban only on intentional feeding is anticipated to result

in fewer fines.

The amendment also clarifies that potentially dangerous animals do not include domestic dogs, cats or animals in zoos or wildlife facilities, which does not have a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations that occur.

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