



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: House Bill No. 6813

File No. 487

Cal. No. 314

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEABIRD AND SHOREBIRD PROTECTION PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Energy and Environmental Protection may establish a list of seabirds
5 and shorebirds that are identified by said commissioner from the
6 regulations adopted pursuant to sections 26-306 to 26-308, inclusive, of
7 the general statutes for inclusion in a seabird and shorebird protection
8 program.

9 (b) Pursuant to the seabird and shorebird protection program, the
10 commissioner may designate seabird and shorebird protection areas.
11 Such seabird and shorebird protection areas may be designated for the
12 months of March first to September fifteenth of any calendar year, or
13 any period of time therein, on public property that is owned by the state

14 and is located within the coastal area, as described in subsection (a) of
 15 section 22a-94 of the general statutes.

16 (c) The commissioner shall identify any such seabird and shorebird
 17 protection area by marking such area with string fencing, posts and
 18 associated signage. The commissioner may utilize agents or volunteers
 19 to install such string fencing, posts and associated signage.

20 (d) No person shall enter any seabird and shorebird protection area
 21 designated and identified by the commissioner in accordance with the
 22 provisions of this section unless such person is duly authorized by the
 23 commissioner to enter such seabird and shorebird protection area.

24 (e) No person shall allow any pet or other animal under such person's
 25 control to be closer than twenty-five feet from any seabird and shorebird
 26 protection area designated and identified pursuant to this section except
 27 for a service animal, as defined in section 22-345 of the general statutes.

28 (f) No person who operates any vehicle or bicycle shall allow such
 29 vehicle or bicycle to be closer than twenty-five feet from any seabird and
 30 shorebird protection area designated and identified pursuant to this
 31 section.

32 (g) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (d), (e) or (f)
 33 of this section shall have committed a separate infraction for each such
 34 violation.

35 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) Any conservation officer
 36 appointed pursuant to section 26-5 of the general statutes and any other
 37 officer authorized to serve criminal process may enforce the provisions
 38 of section 1 of this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section