



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1523

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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF WILDLIFE THAT  
DAMAGE CROPS OR BLACK BEAR THAT INJURE OR KILL  
LIVESTOCK."**

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- 1 Strike section 3 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than February 1,
- 3 2026, within available resources and in accordance with the provisions
- 4 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Energy and
- 5 Environmental Protection shall submit a black bear management plan
- 6 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
- 7 cognizance of matters relating to the environment and public safety. The
- 8 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall provide
- 9 public notice and an opportunity for comment before submitting such
- 10 plan in accordance with the provisions of this section.

11 (b) Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) An  
12 assessment of the bear population in the state and the Department of  
13 Energy and Environmental Protection's goals for management of such  
14 population, (2) an assessment of public safety risks posed by such bear  
15 population, (3) strategies for reducing bear habituation, including waste  
16 management practices that reduce bear attractants, (4) guidelines for  
17 protecting livestock and agricultural crops from predation by such bear  
18 population, (5) proposals for how a regulated bear hunt could be  
19 implemented, (6) public education initiatives concerning non-lethal  
20 methods to deter black bears and avoid conflicts with humans, (7)  
21 recommendations for regulatory and statutory provisions needed to  
22 facilitate such deterrence and conflict avoidance, and (8) an assessment  
23 of the funding required to implement the components of such bear  
24 management plan."