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AN ACT CONCERNING SUNDAY HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS
OF TEN ACRES OR MORE.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	32,500	32,500
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	13,231	13,231
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 501 expands and revises the use of deadly physical force to kill a bear. The bill results in a cost to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) associated with monitoring crop damage, issuing additional permits, and disposing of wildlife. DEEP would require a part-time Environmental Conservation Officer, with a

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

salary of \$32,500 and corresponding fringe benefits of \$13,231 (for a total of \$45,721) annually, beginning in FY 26. Also, there is a minimal revenue increase to the resources of the General Fund associated with issuing additional permits. It is anticipated the revenue increase would be minimal.

Section 502 expands the circumstances in which a person may exert lethal force over wildlife resulting in a potential savings to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue loss to the General Fund from fines.² On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600³ each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

ose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

² From FY 20 - FY 24, 10 charges were recorded and \$250 in associated revenue was collected under CGS § 26-80a.

³ Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant.