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To: Subst. House Bill No. **7231**

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(As Amended)

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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 26-47 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
7 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may issue
8 permits for the taking of wildlife that threatens, [or] causes damage to
9 agricultural crops, livestock or apiaries [.] or that caused damage to
10 crops during the preceding growing season, as verified by the
11 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection if: (1) The owner
12 or lessee of the subject property utilized reasonable nonlethal efforts to

13 protect such [crops,] apiaries or livestock, including, but not limited to,
 14 electric fencing, animal guardians or fortified enclosed structures, and
 15 (2) an investigation by Department of Energy and Environmental
 16 Protection personnel determines that the taking of such wildlife is
 17 necessary to protect agricultural crops, apiaries or livestock from
 18 excessive damage and that reasonable nonlethal efforts to protect such
 19 [crops,] apiaries or livestock have not been or are not likely to be
 20 successful in preventing further damage. Any such permit issued
 21 pursuant to this subsection shall specify the means, methods and times
 22 for which such take is allowed and shall only be issued by the
 23 commissioner to the: (A) Owner of the subject property on which such
 24 excessive damage occurred, (B) agent of such owner, or (C) lessee of
 25 such subject property, provided such lessee has the written permission
 26 of such owner to take wildlife. No application for a permit pursuant to
 27 this section shall require notarization. Any wildlife taken pursuant to
 28 this section shall be disposed of as directed by the department. The
 29 provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to authorize the
 30 taking of any federally protected species.

31 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 26-80a of the general statutes is
 32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 33 *passage*):

34 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person
 35 from using deadly physical force to kill a bear if such person reasonably
 36 believes that a bear is: (1) Inflicting or is about to inflict great bodily
 37 harm to a human, (2) injuring or killing such person's pet or livestock
 38 that is otherwise controlled in accordance with any applicable provision
 39 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted pursuant to such a
 40 provision, or (3) entering a building occupied by persons."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	26-47(e)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	26-80a(c)

