

General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 9113



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(As Amended)

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

Strike section 3 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall not implement a bear hunt in this state until said agency creates, implements and evaluates the effectiveness of a comprehensive bear management plan. Such plan shall focus on avoiding human-to-bear interactions and mitigating bear habituation. Additionally, such plan shall consist of preventative measures, including, but not limited to, banning wildlife feeders in high contact areas, mandatory use of bear resistant trashcans in high contact areas, public education campaigns and the institution of protective measures for livestock and crops."