



General Assembly

***Amendment***

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**LCO No. 9116**



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To: Subst. House Bill No. **7051**

File No. 400

Cal. No. 261

***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN THE STATE."***

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- 1       Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2       "Section. 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy
- 3       and Environmental Protection shall not implement a bear hunt in this
- 4       state until said agency creates, implements and evaluates the
- 5       effectiveness of a comprehensive bear management plan. Such plan
- 6       shall focus on avoiding human-to-bear interactions and mitigating bear
- 7       habituation. Additionally, such plan shall consist of preventative
- 8       measures, including, but not limited to, banning wildlife feeders in high
- 9       contact areas, mandatory use of bear resistant trashcans in high contact
- 10      areas, public education campaigns and the institution of protective
- 11      measures for livestock and crops."
- 12     Strike section 2 in its entirety