



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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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."**

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) public education initiatives concerning non-lethal
19 methods to deter black bears and avoid conflicts with humans, (6)
20 recommendations for regulatory and statutory provisions needed to
21 facilitate such deterrence and conflict avoidance, and (7) an assessment
22 of the funding required to implement the components of such bear
23 management plan."

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

Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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