



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5102**

LCO No. 760



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PINK BLAZE CLOTHING FOR HUNTING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the  
4 provisions of chapter 54 governing the taking of wildlife, provided any  
5 regulations concerning the taking of migratory game birds shall be  
6 consistent with section 26-91. The regulations may: (1) Establish the  
7 open and closed seasons, which may be modified by decreasing or  
8 increasing the number of days for any specific species, (2) establish  
9 hours, days or periods during the open season when hunting shall not  
10 be permitted for specific species, (3) establish legal hours, (4) prescribe  
11 the legal methods, including type, kind, gauge and caliber of weapons  
12 and ammunition, including long bow, (5) prescribe the sex of wildlife  
13 that may be taken on a state-wide or local area basis, (6) establish the  
14 daily bag limit and the season bag limit, (7) establish the maximum  
15 number of persons that may hunt on designated areas during any

16 twenty-four-hour period, (8) require that a permit be obtained from the  
17 landowner or such landowner's agent, or the commissioner or such  
18 commissioner's agent, to enter upon designated premises or areas for  
19 the purpose of hunting, and further require that such permit be returned  
20 within a specified time to the issuing authority with an accurate report  
21 of all wildlife taken under such permit, the time spent on the premises  
22 or area and any other data required by the commissioner for  
23 management purposes, (9) establish areas that shall be restricted for  
24 designated periods for hunting only with long bow or other specified  
25 weapons, (10) establish areas that shall be restricted for designated  
26 periods for hunting exclusively by persons with physical disabilities,  
27 (11) establish requirements and procedures for tagging and reporting  
28 birds or animals taken by hunting or trapping; and, in the interest of  
29 public safety and for the purpose of preventing unreasonable conduct  
30 and abuses by hunters, and to provide reasonable control of the actions  
31 and behavior of such persons, said commissioner may issue regulations  
32 and orders to, (12) prohibit the carrying of loaded firearms and hunting  
33 within specified distances of buildings, (13) prohibit the discharge of  
34 firearms and other hunting devices within specified distances of  
35 buildings and, when within specified distances, the discharge of such  
36 firearms and devices toward persons, buildings and livestock, (14)  
37 prohibit hunting while on any road adjacent to any state park, state  
38 forest, premises used for the breeding, rearing or holding in captivity of  
39 wildlife or premises used for zoological purposes, (15) establish  
40 minimum distances between fixed positions, floating and drift blinds  
41 for waterfowl hunting, (16) prohibit crossing over lawns and lands  
42 under cultivation, (17) prohibit damage to property, livestock and  
43 agricultural crops, (18) prohibit, during specified periods on designated  
44 areas, the training, exercising and running of dogs under control or  
45 uncontrolled, (19) prohibit the operation and parking of vehicles on  
46 designated portions of public and private roads, parking areas, lanes,  
47 passageways, rights-of-way, fields and lots, (20) prohibit the discarding  
48 of bottles, glass, cans, paper, junk, litter and trash, (21) control the  
49 launching, anchoring, mooring, storage and abandonment of boats,

50 trailers and related equipment on properties under the control of the  
51 commissioner, (22) specify (A) the persons who shall wear fluorescent  
52 orange or pink clothing, (B) the time periods during which such clothing  
53 shall be worn, and (C) the types and amounts of such clothing which  
54 shall be worn [, on and after January 1, 1989,] when hunting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	26-66
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the wearing of pink fluorescent when hunting.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*