



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1561



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING 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 Section 26-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2022*):

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:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	26-66

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the use of pink blaze clothing for 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.]