



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 586**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF NUISANCE WILDLIFE.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 26-47 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2019*):

4 (a) When it is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner that  
5 wildlife is causing unreasonable damage to agricultural crops, [during  
6 the night and it is found by the commissioner that control of such  
7 damage by wildlife is impracticable during the daylight hours]  
8 livestock, poultry or bees, the commissioner may issue permits for the  
9 taking of such wildlife as the commissioner deems necessary to control  
10 such damage by such method and at such time of day as the  
11 commissioner determines, including the use of lights, during the  
12 period between sunset and sunrise, upon written application of the  
13 owner or lessee of record of the land on which such crops are grown or  
14 such livestock, poultry or bees are cared for, raised or fed. Such  
15 permits may be issued to any qualified person designated by such  
16 landowner or lessee. The person to whom such permit is issued shall  
17 be held responsible for complying with the conditions under which  
18 such permit is issued which shall include, but not be limited to, the  
19 taking of such wildlife on the land where such crops are grown or such  
20 livestock, poultry or bees are cared for, raised or fed. The person to

21 whom such permit is issued may retain any wildlife taken pursuant to  
22 such a permit. The provisions of this section shall not apply to deer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2019	26-47(a)
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*