



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5304

LCO No. 4465



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 Section 26-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2019*):

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	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.]

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