



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 894

LCO No. 4468



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONLETHAL MANAGEMENT OF THE
BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2020, the
2 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a
3 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
4 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
5 of matters relating to the environment on best nonlethal management
6 practices that are effective in deterring black bear from habituating in
7 areas that are densely populated by humans. In developing such
8 practices, the commissioner shall consider, but is not limited to, the
9 following: (1) Attractant management practices and recommendations
10 that limit black bear access to food sources originating from humans,
11 (2) nonlethal hazing devices, including noises and physical deterrents
12 that decrease black bear use of densely populated human areas, (3)
13 education programs that instruct and encourage the general public to
14 improve their use of attractant management practices, and (4)
15 community planning strategies that consider black bear territory in
16 making land use and waste management plans within municipalities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To identify nonlethal management practices that can be employed to deter black bears from habituating in areas densely populated by humans.

[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.]