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sSB-1146 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Minimal Revenue Gain

The amendment allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to adopt regulations by July 1, 2024, to establish an annual bear hunt lottery season in Litchfield and Hartford Counties, for the taking of not more than 50 bears in Litchfield County. To the extent DEEP establishes the regulations, there would be an annual General Fund revenue gain, likely beginning in FY 25, as it is expected that regulations would establish fees for this purpose.

Additionally, the amendment requires DEEP, by January 1, 2025, to report to the Environment Committee concerning any bear hunt, which has no fiscal impact since DEEP has expertise for this purpose.

The amendment clarifies several provisions under the use of deadly force against bears under certain conditions which has no fiscal impact on the state or municipalities.

The amendment makes other minor and technical changes that have no fiscal impact.

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