



General Assembly

February Session, 2020

***Raised Bill No. 417***

LCO No. 2343



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARVESTING OF HORSESHOE CRABS  
DURING A FULL MOON.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-292c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Energy and  
4 Environmental Protection shall submit recommendations to the joint  
5 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
6 matters relating to the environment on the establishment of any  
7 restricted areas for the taking of horseshoe crabs in the state and any  
8 changes to the season for the taking of horseshoe crabs in the state for  
9 the purpose of preserving the horseshoe crab population in the state.

10 (b) (1) No person shall take horseshoe crabs in the state for any period  
11 commencing one day prior to any full moon phase and ending one day  
12 after any such full moon phase.

13 (2) No person shall utilize horseshoe crabs in whelk or eel fishing  
14 without the use of bait bags.

15     (3) Any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2)  
16     of this subsection shall have committed an infraction.

17     (4) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
18     post the dates during which the taking of horseshoe crabs is prohibited  
19     pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection on the Internet web site of  
20     such agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2020	26-292c
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit the harvesting of horseshoe crabs during the time of a full moon phase in order to preserve horseshoe crab populations.

*[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.]*