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CHC Legislative Update 2/23/2009

The Connecticut Legislative session opened in January. Connecticut Horse Council is tracking a number of bills which may potentially impact our members.

To see the full text of the bills, please visit the Connecticut General Assembly website at www.cga.ct.gov and type the bill number into the search box. You may also obtain contact information for your legislators on this site. CHC encourages our members to contact their elected officials to express opinions. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact CHC at president@cthorsecouncil.org. Please remember to be respectful and polite when speaking to elected officials.

CHC SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING BILLS

HB05108 AN ACT PRESERVING CERTAIN HORSE TRAILS. 02/05/09 PUBLIC HEARING 0209

*****URGENT ACTION ALERT: Please contact your Legislators immediately and ask that they support this bill.**

HB06083 AN ACT INCLUDING EQUESTRIANS AND THEIR HORSES IN THE 2009 CONNECTICUT STATE-WIDE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN. 01/26/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA

*****URGENT ACTION ALERT: Please contact your Legislators immediately and ask that they support this bill.**

HB05122 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF TRUSTS FOR THE CARE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS. 01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD

HB05246 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANIMALS. 01/20/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD

HB05278 AN ACT CONCERNING STEAP GRANTS AND THE CONVERSION OF PRIME FARMLAND TO NONAGRICULTURAL USE. 01/21/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05323 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPIES IN CASES OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT. 01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON KID

HB05490 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

BY MEMBERS OF INLAND WETLANDS AGENCIES. 01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM.
ON ENV

HB05797 AN ACT PROHIBITING HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING NEAR A WORKING
FARM. 02/11/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0218**

HB05800 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE.
02/06/09 PUBLIC HEARING 0213

HB05806 AN ACT PROTECTING PRIME FARMLAND FROM DEVELOPMENT.
01/23/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05807 AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED ANIMALS. 02/05/09 **PUBLIC
HEARING 0209**

HB05267 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS UNDER THE SMALL TOWN
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS THAT CONVERT
FARMLAND TO OTHER USES. 02/05/09 CHG. REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON ENV

HB05850 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF REPORTS PREPARED
BY VETERINARIANS. 01/23/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD

HB05924 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE MANES AND
MOTIONS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER IN KENSINGTON. 02/02/09 CHG. REF.,
SEN. TO COMM. ON PH

SB00677 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ACCESS TO COMPLAINTS LODGED
AGAINST VETERINARIANS. 01/26/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH

SB00724 AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS.
01/27/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD

HB06257 AN ACT REQUIRING COURT-ORDERED COUNSELING FOR JUVENILES
CHARGED OR CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSES. 01/28/09 REF. TO
JOINT COMM. ON JUD

HB06259 AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY COUNSELING FOR JUVENILES
CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY. 01/28/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD

HB06292 AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
TO SCHOOLS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND TO CREATE THE KIRKLYN M.
KERR GRANT PROGRAM. 02/06/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0210** UPDATE: voted out of
committee.

SB00786 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAINING AND
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.
02/06/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0210**

SB00793 AN ACT CONCERNING STEAP GRANTS AND THE CONVERSION OF
PRIME FARMLAND TO NONAGRICULTURAL USE. 02/02/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM.
ON ENV

SB00650 AN ACT CONCERNING TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PETS. 01/26/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD UPDATE: vote to draft.

CHC OPPOSES THE FOLLOWING BILLS

SB00784 AN ACT CONCERNING ROAMING LIVESTOCK AND PUBLIC SAFETY. 02/05/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0209** **UPDATE: Voted out of committee with minor change. CHC is still opposed. Please contact your legislators and ask them to oppose this bill.**

CHC IS MONITORING THE FOLLOWING BILLS

HB05002 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM. 01/07/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV UPDATE: Public hearing 2/23.

HB05110 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF ATV TRAILS AND THE TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION FEES. 01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05137 AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES. 01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA

HB05190 AN ACT REQUIRING VETERINARIANS TO OBTAIN INFORMED CONSENT FROM ANIMAL OWNERS PRIOR TO PERFORMING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE. 01/16/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH

HB05075 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON STATE SPENDING. 01/13/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP

HB05111 AN ACT INCREASING THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES. 01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05255 AN ACT CONCERNING WATERSHED LANDS. 02/06/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0211**

HB05112 AN ACT CONCERNING SUNDAY BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. 01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05264 AN ACT PROTECTING MUNICIPALLY ACQUIRED OPEN SPACE LAND. 02/11/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0218**

HB05272 AN ACT CREATING A RELIEF FUND FOR CONNECTICUT DAIRY FARMERS. 02/11/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0218**

HB05461 AN ACT PRESERVING AND PROTECTING INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES. 01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV UPDATE: public hearing 2/23.

HB05469 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUMANE SHELTERING OF DOGS.
01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05475 AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE SALE OR TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS UNABLE TO WORK. 01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV
UPDATE: public hearing 2/23

HB05480 AN ACT ALLOWING SUNDAY HUNTING. 01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM.
ON ENV

HB05004 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR THEFT OR UNAUTHORIZED
DESTRUCTION OF TREES, TIMBER OR SHRUBBERY.
02/11/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0218**

HB05494 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AT
STATE PARKS. 01/26/09 CHG. REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APP

HB05500 AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND ON SUNDAY.
01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05508 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES
ON MUNICIPAL LAND. 01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB05712 AN ACT CONCERNING HUMANE EDUCATION AND CONTINUING
EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS. 01/23/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED

HB05737 AN ACT CONCERNING HUMANE EDUCATION. 01/23/09 REF. TO JOINT
COMM. ON ED

HB05794 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANIMALS FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL OR RESUSCITATION TRAINING EXERCISES. 01/23/09 REF. TO JOINT
COMM. ON ENV

HB05808 AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS AND THE
RELEASE OF RABIES VACCINATION RECORDS. 02/05/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0209**

HB05814 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF ELEPHANTS.
01/23/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

**HB06047 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LARGE ANIMAL
CREMATORIES. 01/26/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH**

HB05893 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY
RESPONSE SYSTEM OF VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.
02/06/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0210**

HB06120 AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF VALIDATED ALTERNATIVES TO THE
USE OF ANIMALS IN PRODUCT TESTING.
01/27/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

HB06219 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A STATE-WIDE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR BICYCLING. 01/27/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA

HB06412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
02/11/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0218**

SB00032 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MUNICIPAL REVENUE FROM THE PAYMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSE FEES. 01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

SB00071 AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT INITIATIVES AND REFERENDUMS.
01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GAE

SB00088 AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS. 01/15/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD

SB00117 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY VETERINARIANS. 01/20/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH

SB00182 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WATERSHED LAND.
01/21/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

SB00184 AN ACT CONCERNING A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF A BAN ON NONORGANIC PESTICIDES. 01/21/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

SB00262 AN ACT PERMITTING THE IMPORTATION OF REINDEER.
02/05/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0209**

SB00265 AN ACT CONCERNING VETERINARIANS AND DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS.
01/22/09 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV

SB00497 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING COSTS AND PET ADOPTIONS. 02/05/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0209**

SB00735 AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION. 02/02/09 Vote to Draft

SB00743 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY A DOG. 02/05/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0209**

SB00783 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS FOR ADOPTION. 02/05/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0209**

SB00871 AN ACT INCREASING THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
02/11/09 **PUBLIC HEARING 0218**