

A. THE BILL

1. Bill History

Senate, No. 860

Presented by: Senator Robert S. Creedon, Jr.

Petition of Robert S. Creedon, Robert L. Hedlund, Robert K. Coughlin, Susan C. Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation to prohibit internet hunting.

01/11/07 S Referred to the committee on The Judiciary

01/11/07 H House concurred

Public Hearing date Apr 10 pm at 1:00 in Room A-2

04/17/07 S Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ethics and Rules -SJ 168

05/07/07 S Committee reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session -SJ 204

06/05/07 S Read second and ordered to a third reading -SJ 478

06/21/07 S Read third

06/21/07 S Amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of S2273 - 34 YEAS to 0 NAYS (see Senate Roll Call, No. 47)

06/21/07 S Passed to be engrossed -SJs 506-507

06/25/07 H Read; and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling -HJ 492

07/16/07 H Committee reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading -HJ 542

07/19/07 H Read second and ordered to a third reading -HJ 554

07/26/07 H Read third (title changed)

07/26/07 H Passed to be engrossed - 151 YEAS to 0 NAYS (See Yea and Nay in Supplement, No. 126) -HJs 569-570

07/26/07 H Enacted -HJ 576

07/26/07 S Enacted and laid before the Governor -SJ 637

08/02/07 G Signed by the Governor, Chapter 83 of the Acts of 2007

2. S.B. No. 860 (bill as originally filed)

SENATE NO. 860

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INTERNET HUNTING

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding the following section:-
3 Section 65A.
4 It is unlawful for any person to shoot, shoot at, or kill any bird, mammal or fish with any gun or
5 other device accessed via an Internet connection in this state.
6 It is further unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company,
7 association, or other business entity to do either of the following:
8 (a) Own or operate a shooting range, site, or gallery located in the state for purposes of the
9 online shooting or spearing of any bird, mammal or fish.
10 (b) Create, maintain, or utilize an Internet Web site, or a service 10 or business via any other
11 means, from any location within the state for purposes of the online shooting or spearing of any
12 bird, mammal or fish for the purposes of this section.
13 (c) Possess or confine any bird, mammal or fish in furtherance of an activity prohibited by this
14 section.
15 (d) Import into, or export from, this state any bird, mammal or fish, or any part thereof, that is
16 killed by any device accessed via an Internet connection.
17 Any bird, mammal or fish, or any part thereof, that is possessed in violation of this section shall
18 be subject to seizure by the department.
19 For the purposes of this section, "online shooting or spearing" means the use of a computer or
20 any other device, equipment, software, or technology, to remotely control the aiming and
21 discharge of any weapon, including, but not limited to, any firearm, bow and arrow, spear,
22 slingshot, harpoon, or any other projectile device or any other weapon capable of killing or

23 injuring any bird, mammal or fish.

24 Whoever violates this section shall be punished in the house of correction for not more than 2

25 1/2 years or by a fine of not more than \$2,500, or by both such fine and imprisonment. In

26 addition to the penalty prescribed herein, the court shall revoke all current hunting licenses, if

27 any, of the person convicted of violating this section and prohibit the issuance of any hunting

28 license to that person for a period of not less than three nor more than five years.