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Act No. 50 (H.292). Conservation and land development; sign law; hunting

An act relating to miscellaneous natural resources and energy subjects

This act makes various changes as follows:

- Amends the list of signs exempt from the general prohibition on signs to include banners and allows them to be hung within the limits of a highway right-of-way.
- Changes the designation of September from River Green Up Month to River Cleanup Month.
- Exempts removal of existing constructed features in a lake shoreland protection area from the requirement for a lake shoreland protection permit, provided that the area where removal occurs is revegetated.
- Changes the maximum number of moose hunting permits the Fish and Wildlife Board may set aside for auction to 10 percent of the total number of annual moose permits authorized for the season, not to exceed six.
- Changes the maximum number of moose hunting permits the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife may set aside for Vermont veterans to 10 percent of the total number of moose permits authorized for the season, not to exceed six.
- Permits the Department of Fish and Wildlife to freeze bonus points accumulated by auction participants and veterans when a moose hunting season is not approved or a small number of permits is issued.
- Repeals the bonus point and lottery system under the Fish and Wildlife Board's current Moose Management Rule.
- Repeals the authority of the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife to adopt by rule qualifications for an adult or child to receive a no-cost moose license.
- Repeals the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife's Special Opportunity Youth Moose License Rule.
- Repeals the second muzzle loader license.
- Repeals the second archery license requirement for taking a wild deer with a bow and arrow.
- Repeals the hunting permit requirement to use a crossbow and eliminates the limitation on the use of crossbows strictly as an alternative to a standard bow for disabled individuals.
- Eliminates the cross reference to 10 V.S.A § 4711 regarding crossbow hunting permits.

- Requires the Fish and Wildlife Board to designate a youth deer hunting weekend prior to the opening day of deer season; previously required to be the weekend before opening day.
- Requires the Agency of Natural Resources to adopt rules and an interim certification process regarding the manufacture, sale, purchase, installation of operation of wood heating appliances for institutional, commercial, and industrial use.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on June 10, 2019