



General Assembly  
February Session, 2006

**Raised Bill No. 472**

LCO No. 2528



Referred to Committee on **ENVIRONMENT**

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NATURE DAY.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the  
2 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (3) The last Friday of April in each year shall be observed in  
5 Connecticut as [Arbor] Nature Day. The Governor shall annually  
6 designate this day with suitable proclamation or letter urging that on  
7 [Arbor] Nature Day schools, civic organizations, governmental  
8 departments and all citizens and groups give serious thought to, and  
9 mark by appropriate exercises of a public nature, the value of trees and  
10 forests, the ornamentation of our streets, highways and parks with  
11 trees; and the economic benefits to be derived from well-cultivated  
12 orchards and forests.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 23-23 of the general statutes is  
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
15 *October 1, 2006*):

16 (b) The commissioner may provide tree seedlings at no cost to any  
 17 elementary or secondary school or conservation commission for the  
 18 celebration of [Arbor] Nature Day in accordance with any  
 19 proclamation issued pursuant to [subsection (c)] subdivision (3) of  
 20 subsection (a) of section 10-29a, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<u>October 1, 2006</u>	10-29a(a)(3)
Sec. 2	<u>October 1, 2006</u>	23-23(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To change the name of Arbor Day to Nature Day.

*[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.]*