

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 85.

By Senators Collamore, Brock, Ingalls, Norris, Starr, Weeks, Westman and Williams,

An act relating to allowing probation and parole officers to carry firearms while on duty.

To the Committee on Institutions.

S. 86.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to replacing the term "cider" with "hard cider" within Title 7.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 87.

By Senators Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to Holocaust education in public schools.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 88.

By Senator Mazza,

An act relating to the charter of the Town of South Hero.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 89.

By Senators Baruth, Lyons and Sears,
An act relating to establishing a forensic facility.
To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**S. 3.**

Senator Baruth, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to prohibiting paramilitary training camps.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 85 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 85. WEAPONS

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Subchapter 3. Unauthorized Military Training**§ 4071. PARAMILITARY TRAINING PROHIBITED**

(a) A person shall not:

(1) teach, train, or demonstrate to any other person the use, application, or making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury or death, or in techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the teaching, training, or demonstrating will be unlawfully employed for use in or in furtherance of a civil disorder; or

(2) assemble with one or more other persons for the purpose of being taught, trained, or instructed in the use, application, or making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury or death, or in techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the teaching, training, or instruction will be unlawfully employed for use in or in furtherance of a civil disorder.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

(1) activity engaged in for legitimate law enforcement purposes by a federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer certified as a law

enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358;

(2) lawful activity engaged in by students at Norwich University or any other educational institution where military science is taught as a prescribed part of the course of instruction;

(3) any activity undertaken without knowledge of or intent to cause or further a civil disorder that is intended to teach or practice self-defense or self-defense techniques, including karate clubs, self-defense clinics, and similar lawful activity;

(4) any facility, program, or lawful activity related to firearms instruction and training that is intended to teach the safe handling and use of firearms; or

(5) any lawful sports or activities related to the individual recreational use of possession of firearms, including hunting pursuant to 10 V.S.A. part 4, target shooting, self-defense, and firearms collection.

§ 4072. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Civil disorder” means any public disturbance involving acts of violence by an assemblage of two or more persons that causes an immediate danger of or results in damage or injury to the property or person of any other individual.

(2) “Explosive” has the same meaning as in subdivision 1603(2) of this title.

(3) “Firearm” has the same meaning as in subdivision 4016(a)(3) of this title.

(4) “Incendiary device” means a device so constructed that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, detonation, or other method may produce destructive effects primarily through combustion rather than explosion. The term does not include a manufactured device or article in common use by the general public that is designed to produce combustion for a lawful purpose, including matches, lighters, flares, or devices commercially manufactured primarily for the purpose of illumination, heating, or cooking. The term does not include firearms ammunition.

§ 4073. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT; INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

If the Attorney General or a State’s Attorney has reason to believe that a person is violating or is about to violate section 4071 of this title, and that proceedings would be in the public interest, the Attorney General or State’s

Attorney may bring an action in the name of the State in the Civil Division of the Superior Court to restrain the violation by temporary or permanent injunction. The action shall be brought in the Superior Court of the county in which the person resides, has a place of business, or is doing business. The courts are authorized to issue temporary or permanent injunctions to restrain and prevent violations of section 4071 of this title.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the recommendation of amendment was agreed to on a roll call, Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Senator Hashim having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Baruth, Bray, Brock, Champion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Ingalls, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Norris, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Sears, Starr, Vyhovsky, Watson, Weeks, Westman, White, Wrenner.

The Senator who voted in the negative was: Williams.

Thereupon, third reading of the bill was ordered.

Message from the House No. 20

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 14. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.