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2 Introduced by Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby,
3 Beyor of Highgate, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of Canaan,
4 Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Larocque of Barnet, Shaw of
5 Pittsford, and Winters of Williamstown

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Fish and wildlife; hunting; archery; training dogs; firearms

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
10 person holding an archery license or a person training hunting dogs to possess
11 a handgun while archery hunting or training hunting dogs.

12 An act relating to authorizing a person to carry a handgun while hunting
13 with a bow and arrow or training hunting dogs

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4252 is amended to read:

16 § 4252. ACTIVITIES PERMITTED UNDER LICENSES

17 (a) Subject to provisions of this part and regulations of the board:

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19 (5) An archery license shall entitle the holder to take one deer by bow
20 and arrow pursuant to section 4744 of this title.

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(10) A second archery license, which may only be purchased by a holder of an archery license, shall entitle the holder to take one deer, in addition to the number allowed to a holder of an archery license, with a bow and arrow pursuant to section 4744 of this title.

(12) A super sport license shall entitle the holder to take fish, shoot pickerel, take wild animals pursuant to chapter 113 of this title, take wild animals as allowed under a combination hunting and fishing license and the following big game licenses: archery, muzzle loader, turkey, second archery, and second muzzle loader. The commissioner may establish procedures to encourage purchasers of a super sport license to make a stewardship donation of \$10.00 to the fish and wildlife fund for the purpose of habitat improvement.

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(b) In addition to the activities authorized under subsection (a) of this section and the rules authorized thereunder, the holder of an archery license, second archery license, or super sport license may possess a handgun while archery hunting, provided that the license holder shall not take game by firearm while archery hunting. As used in this section, "handgun" means a pistol or revolver which will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

1 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 5001 is amended to read:

2 § 5001. HUNTING DOGS; FIELD TRAINING

3 (a) While accompanying the dog, a person ~~without a firearm~~ may train a
4 hunting dog to hunt and pursue:

5 (1) Bear during the period from June 1 to September 15 and then only
6 from sunrise to sunset;

7 (2) Rabbits and game birds during the period from June 1 to the last
8 Saturday in September and then only from sunrise to sunset;

9 (3) Raccoon during the period from June 1 to the last Saturday in
10 September at any time of the day or night;

11 (4) Bobcat and fox during the period June 1 to March 15, except during
12 regular deer season as prescribed in 10 V.S.A. § 4741.

13 (b) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may permit a person ~~without a gun~~ to
14 train and condition a hunting dog between the second Monday in March and
15 June 1. The ~~board~~ Board may adopt rules as it considers necessary to control
16 the training and conditioning of hunting dogs.

17 (c) A person training a hunting dog under this section may possess a
18 handgun while training the hunting dog, provided that the person shall not take
19 game by any method while training the hunting dog. As used in this section,
20 “handgun” means a pistol or revolver which will expel a projectile by the
21 action of an explosive.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.