

1 H.210

2 Introduced by Representatives Lefebvre of Newark, Ainsworth of Royalton,  
3 Bancroft of Westford, Beyor of Highgate, Hebert of Vernon,  
4 Lawrence of Lyndon, Sheldon of Middlebury, Strong of  
5 Albany, and Troiano of Stannard

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Fish and wildlife; game; posting property; permission only; antlerless  
9 deer permit

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the  
11 award of an antlerless deer permit to a landowner who posts his or her land as  
12 open to hunting or fishing by permission only.

13 An act relating to eligibility for an antlerless deer permit when land is  
14 posted as open to hunting or fishing by permission only

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

16 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4081(g) is amended to read:

17 (g) If the Board finds that an antlerless season is necessary to maintain the  
18 health and size of the herd, the Department shall administer an antlerless deer  
19 program. Annually, the Board shall determine how many antlerless permits to  
20 issue in each wildlife management unit. For a nonrefundable fee of \$10.00 for

1 residents and \$25.00 for nonresidents, a person may apply for a permit. Each  
2 person may submit only one application for a permit. The Department shall  
3 allocate the permits in the following manner:

4 (1) A Vermont landowner, as defined in section 4253 of this title, who  
5 owns 25 or more contiguous acres and who applies shall receive a permit for  
6 antlerless hunting in the management unit on which the land is located before  
7 any are given to people eligible under subdivision (2) of this subsection. If the  
8 land is owned by more than one individual, corporation, or other entity, only  
9 one permit shall be issued. Landowners applying for antlerless permits under  
10 this subdivision shall not, at the time of application or thereafter during the  
11 regular hunting season, post their lands except with permission only signs  
12 under section 5201 of this title or as a safety zone under the provisions of  
13 section 4710 of this title. As used in this section, “post” means any signage,  
14 other than permission only signs authorized under section 5201 of this title,  
15 that would lead a reasonable person to believe that hunting is restricted on the  
16 land. If the number of landowners who apply exceeds the number of permits  
17 for that district, the Department shall award all permits in that district to  
18 landowners by lottery.

19 (2) Permits remaining after allocation pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
20 subsection shall be issued by lottery.

1           (3) Any permits remaining after permits have been allocated pursuant to  
2 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be issued by the Department  
3 for a \$10.00 fee for residents. Ten percent of the remaining permits may be  
4 issued to nonresident applicants for a \$25.00 fee.

5       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.