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2 Introduced by Representatives Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fish and game; wild animals doing damage

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the fish and wildlife  
7 board to authorize additional permits for the taking of deer if the department  
8 determines that overbrowsing by the deer population in a wildlife management  
9 may threaten the health or diversity of the composition of tree species in the  
10 management area.

11 AN ACT RELATING TO DEER DOING DAMAGE TO FOREST  
12 RESOURCES

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

14 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4834 is added to read:

15 § 4834. TAKING DEER DAMAGING FOREST RESOURCES

16 The board may under section 4081 or 4084 of this title authorize the  
17 issuance of additional permits for the taking of deer in a wildlife management  
18 area if the department determines that overbrowsing by the deer population in  
19 the management area may threaten the health or diversity of the composition of  
20 tree species in that management area.