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Introduced by Representatives Deen of Westminster and Adams of Hartland

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; fish; Lake Champlain reciprocal
fishing license

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to reauthorize the Lake Champlain
reciprocal fishing license.

An act relating to reauthorizing the Lake Champlain reciprocal fishing
license

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4609 is amended to read:

§ 4609. CONNECTICUT RIVER; LAKE CHAMPLAIN

(a) Persons holding a New Hampshire fishing license may take fish from
the Connecticut River, provided the state of New Hampshire grants the same
right to persons holding a Vermont fishing license. Such taking shall be only
in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the state of New
Hampshire relative to open and closed seasons, limits of catch, minimum sizes
of fish caught and methods of fishing and upon agreement between the
commissioner and the director of fish and game of the state of New Hampshire

1 and the approval of the secretary. Whereupon the laws of this state covering
2 such matters shall be suspended as to the waters above described. Any
3 violation of said provisions shall be punished as provided in section 4515 of
4 this title.

5 (b) A person holding a New York fishing license may take fish from the
6 Vermont portion of Lake Champlain provided the state of New York grants the
7 right to fish in the New York portion of the lake to a person holding a Vermont
8 fishing license. In this case, a person holding a New York license may take
9 fish in the Vermont portion of the lake in accordance with rules adopted under
10 this part and shall be fined pursuant to section 4515 of this title for violation of
11 the rules while fishing in the Vermont portion of the lake. In this section, the
12 Vermont portion of Lake Champlain means the portion of Lake Champlain
13 which lies within Vermont waters up to the mouth of any tributary river or
14 stream, and shall not include any waters on the east side of the railroad fills at
15 Malletts Bay, the Gut, and Pelots Point.

16 (c) [Repealed.]

17 (d) [Repealed.]

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect upon passage.