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2 Introduced by Representative Deen of Westminster

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; sport shooting ranges; safety
6 inspection

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require outdoor shooting ranges to
8 be constructed and maintained according to safety standards. The bill would
9 also require the department of fish and wildlife to inspect outdoor shooting
10 ranges and certify that a range meets safety standards.

11 An act relating to the design and inspection of sport shooting ranges

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

13 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 5227b is added to read:

14 § 5227b. DESIGN AND INSPECTION OF SPORT SHOOTING RANGES

15 (a) The owner or operator of an sport shooting range located outdoors shall
16 construct and maintain the sport shooting range:

17 (1) according to standards that are at least as stringent as the standards
18 established by the National Rifle Association range manual; and

19 (2) in a manner to prevent harm to citizens or property.

1 (b) Beginning January 1, 2013, no outdoor sport shooting range shall be
2 operated in the state unless the department of fish and wildlife has inspected
3 the range and issued the range a certificate of compliance with the
4 requirements of subsection (a) of this section and any additional requirement
5 adopted by the commissioner by rule. A certificate of compliance shall be
6 valid for a term of five years and shall be renewed prior to expiration. The
7 owner or operator of the outdoor sport shooting range shall post a copy of a
8 valid certificate of compliance in a prominent place visible to all users of the
9 sport shooting range.

10 (c) The commissioner of fish and wildlife may adopt rules to implement the
11 requirements of this section, including additional, mandatory safety standards
12 for sport shooting ranges.

13 (d) A person who violates the requirements of this section or rules adopted
14 under this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.