

1 H.310

2 Introduced by Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Burke of Brattleboro,

3 Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Marek of

4 Newfane, Partridge of Windham and Sharpe of Bristol

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Crimes; theft of an historic stone wall

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish the crime of theft of an

9 historic stone wall.

10 An act relating to theft of an historic stone wall

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

12 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2504a is added to read:

13 § 2504a. THEFT OF HISTORIC STONE WALLS

14 (a) As used in this section, "historic stone wall" shall mean a vertical
15 structure of aligned natural stone, originally constructed in the 17th, 18th, 19th,
16 or 20th century, to designate a property boundary between farmsteads, to
17 segregate agricultural activities within a single farmstead, or to designate
18 property lines. The term shall include new stone walls which closely
19 approximate the appearance of adjoining stone walls with respect to coursing,
20 stone type, joint width, construction, and distribution of stones by size.

1 (b) A person who by trespass with intent to steal takes and carries away an
2 historic stone wall or portions of an historic stone wall shall be fined not more
3 than \$500.00 and shall be ordered to pay restitution to the owner of the historic
4 stone wall pursuant to section 7043 of this title.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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