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Introduced by Representatives Kupersmith of South Burlington, Marcotte of
Coventry and Savage of Swanton

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; access areas; ice boats

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to define the type of vessels
authorizes to use fishing access areas.

An act relating to the use of fishing access areas

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4145 is amended to read:

§ 4145. ACCESS, LANDING AREA RULES

(a) The board may adopt rules, under chapter 25 of Title 3, to regulate the
use by the public of access areas, landing areas, parking areas, or of other lands
or waters acquired or maintained pursuant to section 4144 of this title. Such
rules shall be posted in the areas affected and shall permit the launching of all
vessels which have a Vermont registration certificate required by chapter 29 of
Title 23 and the parking of vehicles and boat trailers used by these vessels.

The rules shall not preclude the authorization to launch vessels not registered
in Vermont. These rules also shall permit the launching of all nonmotorized

1 vessels not used for commercial purposes and the parking of vehicles and boat
2 trailers used by these vessels. As used in this section, "vessel" shall be defined
3 as set forth in 23 V.S.A. § 3302(12) and shall include ice boats using frozen
4 waters.

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6 Sec. 2. TRANSITION

7 On passage of this act, the department of fish and wildlife rules regarding
8 the use of state controlled fishing access areas shall not be interpreted or
9 implemented to prohibit the use of fishing access areas by ice boats or snow
10 kites or the parking of vehicles or trailers to support these activities.

11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.