

1 S.228

2 Introduced by Senators Rodgers and Starr

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Agriculture; livestock diseases; disease testing

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to exempt red
7 deer owned as domestic animals or livestock from the Agency of Agriculture,
8 Food and Markets' requirements to test for chronic wasting disease.

9 An act relating to the livestock disease testing of red deer

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

11 Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 1154 is amended to read:

12 § 1154. INSPECTION AND TESTING

13 (a) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary may routinely inspect all domestic animals in
14 the ~~state~~ State for contagious diseases.

15 (b) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary shall investigate any reports of diseased
16 animals, provided there are adequate resources.

17 (c) In carrying out the provisions of this part, the ~~secretary~~ Secretary, or his
18 or her authorized agent, may enter any real estate, premises, buildings,
19 enclosures, or areas where animals may be found for the purpose of making
20 reasonable inspections and tests.

1 (d) A livestock owner or the person in possession of the animal to be
2 inspected, upon request of the ~~secretary~~ Secretary, shall restrain the animal and
3 make it available for inspection and testing.

4 (e) A person who owns red deer that are regulated as domestic animals or
5 livestock under this title or regulations adopted under this title shall not be
6 required by the Secretary to test red deer for chronic wasting disease.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.