

1 S.239

2 Introduced by Senator Doyle

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public safety; tents

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a
7 person who uses a tent for a public assembly to check the weather forecast no
8 less than 24 hours or sooner before holding the assembly.

9 An act relating to public events and tent safety

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

11 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 4512 is added to read:

12 § 4512. PUBLIC ASSEMBLY; TENTS; DUTY TO CHECK WEATHER

13 A person who is required to obtain a permit pursuant to this chapter for a
14 commercial public assembly and who will use a tent for the assembly shall
15 have the duty to:

16 (1) check the official weather forecast issued by the National Weather
17 Service for the location of the assembly not less than 24 hours prior to the
18 assembly and again not less than six hours prior to the assembly; and

19 (2) if the National Weather Service issues a weather advisory, watch, or
20 warning for the location of the assembly within the 24 hours prior to the

1 assembly, notify and consult with the Commissioner of Public Safety or permit
2 officer concerning the potential public safety risks of continuing with the
3 assembly.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.