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2 Introduced by Representatives Johnson of Canaan, Adams of Hartland,  
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6 Fairfield, Larocque of Barnet, Marcotte of Coventry, McAllister  
7 of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Morrissey of  
8 Bennington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Savage of Swanton, Toll of  
9 Danville and Winters of Williamstown

10 Referred to Committee on

11 Date:

12 Subject: Fish and game; wildlife damage; wild turkeys

13 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow persons to apply for and  
14 receive a site-specific management plan for the control of a wild turkey flock  
15 doing damage to crops or agricultural feed.

16 An act relating to authorizing site-specific management plans of wild turkey  
17 flocks doing damage

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

1       Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4834 is added to read:

2       § 4834. WILD TURKEY DOING DAMAGE; SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN

3       (a) A person may apply to the commissioner for approval of a site-specific  
4       management plan for the control of a wild turkey flock doing damage to:

5               (1) a crop, except grass;

6               (2) a crop-bearing plant; or

7               (3) agricultural feed or silage stored on a farm enrolled in the use value  
8       appraisal program under 32 V.S.A. chapter 134.

9       (b) The commissioner, after consultation with the Wildlife Service of the  
10       U.S. Department of Agriculture, shall approve a site-specific management plan  
11       for a wild turkey flock if:

12               (1) the land owned by the person is not posted against hunting;

13               (2) the person can prove that crops, crop bearing plants, or trees are  
14       sustaining additional and ongoing damage; and

15               (3) the person has taken reasonable measures to prevent the deer from  
16       continuing to damage the crop.

17       (c) A site-specific management plan approved by the commissioner may  
18       require measures other than the taking of wild turkey.