

1 H.621

2 Introduced by Representative Brennan of Colchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; firearms; gun silencers

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the
7 prohibition on the manufacture, sale, use, or possession of gun silencers. The
8 bill would also prohibit a person from possessing a gun silencer while hunting.

9 An act relating to prohibiting the use of a gun silencer while hunting

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

11 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4010 is amended to read:

12 § 4010. ~~GUN SILENCERS~~

13 ~~A person who manufactures, sells, uses, or possesses with intent to sell or~~
14 ~~use an appliance known as or used for a gun silencer shall be fined \$25.00 for~~
15 ~~each offense. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the use or~~
16 ~~possession of gun silencers by:~~

17 ~~(1) a certified, full-time law enforcement officer or department of fish~~
18 ~~and wildlife employee in connection with his or her duties and responsibilities~~
19 ~~and in accordance with the policies and procedures of that officer's or~~
20 ~~employee's agency or department; or~~

1 ~~(2) the Vermont National Guard in connection with its duties and~~
2 ~~responsibilities.~~ [Repealed.]

3 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4704 is amended to read:

4 § 4704. USE OF MACHINE GUNS AND AUTOLOADING RIFLES

5 A person engaged in hunting for wild animals shall not use, carry, or have
6 in his or her possession a machine gun of any kind or description ~~or~~; an
7 autoloading rifle with a magazine capacity of over six cartridges, except a .22
8 caliber rifle using rim fire cartridges; or a gun silencer.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.