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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 of bill as introduced: 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~~ Board may adopt rules, under 3 V.S.A. 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 23 V.S.A. 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

1 launching of all nonmotorized vessels not used for commercial purposes and
2 the parking of vehicles and boat trailers used by these vessels. As used in this
3 section, “vessel” shall be defined as set forth in 23 V.S.A. § 3302(12) and shall
4 include ice boats using frozen waters. The launching of ice boats and the
5 parking of support trailers at a fishing access area shall have the same priority
6 of use as the launching of a nonmotorized vessel not used for commercial
7 purposes.

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9 Sec. 2. TRANSITION

10 On passage of this act, the Department of Fish and Wildlife rules regarding
11 the use of State-controlled fishing access areas shall not be interpreted or
12 implemented to prohibit the use of fishing access areas by ice boats or the
13 parking of vehicles or trailers to support these activities.

14 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.