

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 356 entitled “An act relating to prohibiting littering in
4 or on the waters of the State” respectfully reports that it has considered the
5 same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2201 is amended to read:

8 § 2201. THROWING, DEPOSITING, BURNING, AND DUMPING
9 REFUSE; PENALTY; SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

10 (a)(1) Prohibition. Every person shall be responsible for proper disposal
11 of his or her own solid waste. A person shall not throw, dump, deposit, cause,
12 or permit to be thrown, dumped, or deposited any solid waste as defined in
13 10 V.S.A. § 6602, refuse of whatever nature, or any noxious thing:

14 (A) in or on the waters of the State, including frozen waters, or on the
15 shores or banks of waters of the State in a manner as to be subject to being
16 washed in the main stream or body of water under normal high water
17 conditions, unless the person has a permit under 10 V.S.A. chapter 47 to
18 discharge waste; or

19 (B) outside a solid waste management facility certified by the
20 Agency of Natural Resources.

1 (2) It shall be prima facie evidence that a person who is identifiable
2 from an examination of illegally disposed solid waste is the person who
3 violated a provision of this section.

4 ~~(2)~~(3) No person shall burn or cause to be burned in the open or
5 incinerate in any container, furnace, or other device any solid waste without:

6 (A) first having obtained all necessary permits from the Agency of
7 Natural Resources, the district environmental commission, and the
8 municipality where the burning is to take place; and

9 (B) complying with all relevant State and local regulations and
10 ordinances.

11 (b) Prosecution of violations. A person who violates a provision of this
12 section commits a civil violation and shall be subject to a civil penalty of not
13 more than \$500.00. This violation shall be enforceable in the Judicial Bureau
14 pursuant to the provisions of 4 V.S.A. chapter 29 in an action that may be
15 brought by a municipal attorney, solid waste management district attorney,
16 environmental enforcement officer employed by the Agency of Natural
17 Resources, grand juror, or designee of the legislative body of the municipality,
18 or by any duly authorized law enforcement officer. If the throwing, placing, or
19 depositing was done from a snowmobile or motor vehicle, except a motor bus,
20 it shall be prima facie evidence that the throwing, placing, or depositing was
21 done by the driver of ~~such~~ the snowmobile or motor vehicle. If the throwing,

1 placing, or depositing was done from a vessel, it shall be prima facie evidence
2 that the throwing, placing, or depositing was done by the operator of the
3 vessel. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the operation of
4 an automobile graveyard or salvage yard as defined in section 2241 of this
5 title, nor shall anything in this section be construed as prohibiting the
6 installation and use of appropriate receptacles for solid waste provided by the
7 State or towns.

8 (c) Roadside cleanup; shoreland or river cleanup. A person found in
9 violation of this section may be assigned to spend up to 80 hours collecting
10 trash or litter from a specified segment of roadside or from a specified area of
11 public property or from shorelands or river corridors, as those terms are
12 defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1422.

13 (d) Revocation of motor vehicle operator's license. The Commissioner of
14 Motor Vehicles shall suspend the motor vehicle operator's license or operating
15 privilege of a person found in violation of this section for a period of ten days
16 if the person fails to pay the penalty set forth in subsection (b) of this section.
17 This provision shall not apply if the only evidence of violation is the
18 presumption set forth in subsection (b) of this section. The Bureau shall
19 immediately notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the entry of
20 judgment.

1 (e) Revocation of hunting or fishing license. The Commissioner of Fish
2 and Wildlife shall revoke the privilege of a person found in violation of this
3 section from holding a hunting or fishing license, or both, for a period of one
4 year from the date of the conviction, if the person fails to pay the penalty set
5 forth in subsection (b) of this section. The Bureau shall immediately notify the
6 Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife of the entry of judgment.

7 (f) ~~[Deleted.]~~ [Repealed.]

8 (g) Amendment of complaint. A person authorized to enforce this section
9 may amend or dismiss a complaint issued by that person by marking the
10 complaint and returning it to the Judicial Bureau. At the hearing, a person
11 authorized to enforce this section may amend or dismiss a complaint issued by
12 that person, subject to the approval of the hearing judge.

13 (h) ~~[Deleted.]~~ [Repealed.]

14 (i) Applicability. Enforcement actions taken under this section shall in no
15 way preclude the Agency of Natural Resources, the Attorney General, or an
16 appropriate State prosecutor from initiating other or further enforcement
17 actions under the civil, administrative, or criminal enforcement provisions of
18 10 V.S.A. chapter 23, 47, 159, 201, or 211. To the extent that enforcement
19 under this section is by an environmental enforcement officer employed by the
20 Agency of Natural Resources, enforcement under this section shall preclude
21 other enforcement by the ~~agency~~ Agency for the same offence.

1 (j) Definitions. As used in this section:

2 (1) “Motor vehicle” shall have the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A.

3 § 4(21).

4 (2) “Snowmobile” shall have the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 3801.

5 (3) “Vessel” means motor boats, boats, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, and all
6 other types of watercraft.

7 (4) “Waters” shall have the same meaning as in 10 V.S.A. § 1251(13).

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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12 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative [surname]

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FOR THE COMMITTEE