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1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 589 entitled “An act relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 8, 10 V.S.A. § 4705, in subsection (c), by striking the last
7 sentence in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 A person shall not shoot a firearm, muzzle loader, a bow and arrow, or a
9 crossbow over or across the traveled portion of a public highway, except for a
10 person shooting over or across the traveled portion of a Class IV road from a
11 sport shooting range, as that term is defined in section 5227 of this title,
12 established before January 1, 2014.

13 and in subsection (f), after “means roads” and before “shown on” by inserting
14 , including Class IV roads,

15 Second: By striking out Sec. 15 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
16 two new sections to be Secs. 15 and 16 to read;

17 * * * Training Hunting Dogs; Raccoon Season * * *

18 Sec. 15. 10 V.S.A. § 5001 is amended to read;

19 § 5001. HUNTING DOGS; FIELD TRAINING

20 (a) While accompanying the dog, a person may train a hunting dog to hunt
21 and pursue:

1 (1) ~~Bear~~ bear during the period from June 1 to September 15 and then
2 only from sunrise to sunset;

3 (2) ~~Rabbits~~ rabbits and game birds during the period from June 1 to the
4 last Saturday in September and then only from sunrise to sunset;

5 (3) ~~Raccoon~~ raccoon during the period from June 1 ~~to the last Saturday~~
6 ~~in September at any time of the day or night~~ through any time of day or night
7 on the day before the opening day of raccoon hunting season; and

8 (4) ~~Bobcat~~ bobcat and fox during the period June 1 to March 15, except
9 during regular deer season as prescribed in section 4741 of this title.

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11 Sec. 16. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 (a) This section and Secs. 1–2 (landowner exception; captive hunt;
13 definitions), 3 (license for disabled veteran), 3a (Joint Fiscal Office report on
14 fiscal impact of issuing hunting licenses to disabled veterans), 8 (shooting from
15 or across highway), and 15 (training hunting dogs; raccoon season) shall take
16 effect on passage.

17 (b) Secs. 4 (migrating game bird harvest numbers), 10 (conservation
18 registration plates report), 11–13(cultural and ceremonial use of bird feathers),
19 and 14 (State Fly-Fishing Fly) shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

20 (c) Secs. 5–7 (deer season rules) and 9 (conservation plates; proceeds) shall
21 take effect on January 1, 2015.

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4 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE

