

1 H.210

2 Introduced by Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Beyor of Highgate,
3 Bissonnette of Winooski, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fiske of
4 Enosburgh, Hebert of Vernon, Morrissey of Bennington, and
5 Myers of Essex

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Crimes; firearms; gun silencers

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the
10 prohibition on the manufacture, sale, use, or possession of gun silencers, and
11 proposes to prohibit a person from using or possessing a suppressor while
12 hunting. The bill defines a suppressor as a device attached to or part of the
13 barrel of a firearm that reduces the amount of noise and visible muzzle flash
14 generated by firing.

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

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

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

18 § 4010. ~~GUN SILENCERS~~

19 ~~A person who manufactures, sells, uses, or possesses with intent to sell or~~
20 ~~use an appliance known as or used for a gun silencer shall be fined \$25.00 for~~

1 ~~each offense. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the use or~~
2 ~~possession of gun silencers by:~~

3 ~~(1) a certified, full time law enforcement officer or department of fish~~
4 ~~and wildlife employee in connection with his or her duties and responsibilities~~
5 ~~and in accordance with the policies and procedures of that officer's or~~
6 ~~employee's agency or department; or~~

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 [Repealed.]~~

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

10 § 4704. USE OF MACHINE GUNS ~~AND~~, AUTOLOADING RIFLES, AND
11 SUPPRESSORS

12 (a) A person engaged in hunting for wild animals shall not use, carry, or
13 have in his or her possession a machine gun of any kind or description ~~or~~; an
14 autoloading rifle with a magazine capacity of over six cartridges, except a
15 .22 caliber rifle using rim fire cartridges; or a suppressor.

16 (b) As used in this section, "suppressor" means a device attached to or part
17 of the barrel of a firearm that reduces the amount of noise and visible muzzle
18 flash generated by firing.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.