

1 S.83

2 Introduced by Senators Starr and Rodgers

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fish and wildlife; license; penalties

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the
7 penalties for certain fish and wildlife violations.

8 An act relating to increasing penalties for fish and wildlife violations

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

10 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4502 is amended to read:

11 § 4502. UNIFORM POINT SYSTEM; REVOCATION OF LICENSE

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13 (c) Licenses shall be suspended as follows:

14 (1) For ten to 14 points accumulated in five years—a one-year
15 suspension.

16 (2) For 15 to 19 points accumulated in five years—a two-year
17 suspension.

18 (3) For 20 or more points accumulated in five years—a ~~three-year~~
19 five-year suspension.

1 (4) For multiple violations in one year of a provision subject to
2 assessment of 20 points under 10 V.S.A. § 4502(b)(3)—a nine year
3 suspension.

4 (d) On or after July 1, 2015, the Commissioner shall revoke the license of
5 an individual permanently upon a third or subsequent violation of a provision
6 subject to assessment of 20 points under 10 V.S.A. § 4502(b)(3).

7 (e) A person who violates a provision subject to assessment of 20 points
8 under 10 V.S.A. § 4502(b)(3) shall be imprisoned for not less than three days.

9 ~~(d)~~(f) The Commissioner shall establish a centralized registry of licensees
10 and shall track all convictions and the point accumulations, if any, against
11 licensees. The Commissioner shall provide adequate notice to licensees of
12 their point accumulations, and suspensions, if any.

13 ~~(e)~~(g) The Commissioner shall revoke a hunting license issued under this
14 part when the holder thereof has been convicted of a violation of 13 V.S.A.
15 § 1023(a)(2) or has been convicted of manslaughter by the careless and
16 negligent use of firearms, and another license shall not be issued to such
17 person within five years from the date of such revocation or within five years
18 from the date of such conviction if such person had no license. The court
19 before which such person is convicted shall certify such conviction to the
20 Commissioner. A revocation shall be deemed effective when notice is given,

1 when made in person, or three days after the deposit of such notice in the U.S.
2 mail, if made in writing.

3 ~~(f)~~(h) The Commissioner shall not reinstate a license suspended pursuant to
4 subdivisions 4502(c)(2) and (3) of this title until the licensee has successfully
5 completed a remedial course designed to teach hunters, trappers, and anglers
6 correct legal and ethical behavior while hunting, trapping, and fishing in
7 Vermont. The remedial course shall be approved by the Commissioner and
8 conducted by the Department. The fee for the remedial course shall be
9 \$100.00. Funds collected for the course shall be deposited in the Fish and
10 Wildlife Fund.

11 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4518 is amended to read:

12 § 4518. BIG GAME VIOLATIONS

13 Whoever violates a provision of this part or orders or rules of the ~~board~~
14 Board relating to taking, possessing, transporting, buying, or selling of big
15 game shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 nor less than ~~\$400.00~~ \$500.00 or
16 imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both. Upon a second and all
17 subsequent convictions, the violator shall be fined not more than \$2,000.00 nor
18 less than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage.