

1 S.203

2 Introduced by Senators Sears and Collamore

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; natural resources; land use; Act 250;

6 sport shooting ranges

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to exempt from

8 Act 250 changes to existing sport shooting ranges that are for the purpose of

9 safety, abating noise, or mitigating environmental impacts.

10 An act relating to sport shooting ranges and Act 250

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

12 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6081 is amended to read:

13 § 6081. PERMITS REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS

14 (a) No person shall sell or offer for sale any interest in any subdivision

15 located in this State, or commence construction on a subdivision or

16 development, or commence development without a permit. This section shall

17 not prohibit the sale, mortgage, or transfer of all, or an undivided interest in all,

18 of a subdivision unless the sale, mortgage, or transfer is accomplished to

19 circumvent the purposes of this chapter.

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1        (w)(1) A permit or permit amendment shall not be required for a change to  
2        a sport shooting range, as defined in section 5227 of this title, if each of the  
3        following applies:

4                (A) The range was in operation before January 1, 2006 and has  
5        operated continuously since that date.

6                (B) The change is for no other the purpose than of one or more of the  
7        following:

8                        (i) To improve the safety of range employees, users of the range,  
9        or the public. The Department of Fish and Wildlife may certify that a change  
10       in a sport shooting range is for this purpose and this certification shall be  
11       conclusive evidence that a purpose of the change is to improve the safety of  
12       employees, users, or the public.

13                       (ii) To abate noise from activities at the range. A qualified noise  
14       abatement professional may certify that a change in a sport shooting range is  
15       for this purpose and this certification shall be conclusive evidence that a  
16       purpose of the change is to abate noise from activities at the range.

17                       (iii) To remediate, mitigate, or reduce impacts to air or water  
18       quality from the range or the deposit or disposal of waste generated by the  
19       range or its use, provided that the range has a lead management plan approved by the  
20       The Department of Environmental Conservation. may certify  
21       that a change in a sport shooting range is for this purpose and this certification

1 ~~shall be conclusive evidence that such remediation, mitigation, or reduction~~  
2 ~~constitutes a purpose of the change.~~

3 ~~(2) Obtaining a certification described in subdivision (1) of this~~  
4 ~~subsection shall be at the option of the range's owner.~~

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.