

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred  
3 House Bill No. 5 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: By striking out Sec. 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the  
7 following:

8 Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the  
10 Department by a person qualifying as follows:

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12 (6) In each year a permanent license holder intends to hunt, trap, or fish,  
13 the permanent license holder shall notify the Department that he or she will  
14 exercise his or her hunting, trapping, or fishing privileges. Failure to notify the  
15 Department as required by this subdivision (c)(6) shall not result in the  
16 assessment of points under section 4502 of this title.

17 Second: By adding a Sec. 14a and accompanying reader assistance to read  
18 as follows:

19 \* \* \* Forest Fragmentation Report \* \* \*

20 Sec. 14a. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
21 VERMONT FOREST FRAGMENTATION REPORT

1        On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and  
2        Recreation shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Natural  
3        Resources and Energy and the House Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water  
4        Resources with recommendations for implementing the policy options to  
5        promote forest integrity contained within the Department of Forests, Parks and  
6        Recreation’s 2015 Vermont Forest Fragmentation Report. The report shall  
7        include proposed legislative changes to implement the recommendations of the  
8        Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Prior to submitting the report  
9        required by this section, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation  
10       shall consult with interested stakeholders.

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13       (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE