

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 by adding a Sec. 14a and
6 accompanying reader assistance to read as follows:

7 * * * Forest Fragmentation Report * * *

8 Sec. 14a. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
9 VERMONT FOREST FRAGMENTATION REPORT

10 On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and
11 Recreation shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Natural
12 Resources and Energy and the House Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water
13 Resources with recommendations for implementing the policy options to
14 promote forest integrity contained within the Department of Forests, Parks and
15 Recreation’s 2015 Vermont Forest Fragmentation Report. The report shall
16 include proposed legislative changes to implement the recommendations of the
17 Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Prior to submitting the report
18 required by this section, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation
19 shall consult with interested stakeholders.

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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE