

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred  
3 House Bill No. 855 entitled “An act relating to forest fire suppression and  
4 forest fire wardens” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended in  
6 Sec. 1, in 10 V.S.A. § 2644, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 (a) When a forest fire or fire threatening a forest is discovered in his or her  
9 town, the town forest fire warden shall enter upon any premises and take  
10 measures for its prompt control, suppression, and extinguishment. The town  
11 forest fire warden may call upon any person for assistance. ~~He or she may~~  
12 ~~arrest without warrant any person found in the act of violating a provision of~~  
13 ~~law or proclamation pertaining to forest fires.~~ The town forest fire warden  
14 may share with or delegate command authority to a chief engineer of a  
15 responding fire department or, in the chief’s absence, the highest ranking  
16 assistant firefighter present during the fire.

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18 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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20 Senator \_\_\_\_\_

21 FOR THE COMMITTEE