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Senator Rodgers moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and as further amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 10 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 10. 10 V.S.A. § 4254c is added to read:

§ 4254c. NOTICE OF TRAPPING; DOMESTIC DOG OR DOMESTIC CAT

A person who incidentally traps a domestic dog or domestic cat shall notify a fish and wildlife warden or the Department within 24 hours after discovery of the trapped domestic dog or domestic cat. The Department shall maintain records of all reports of incidentally trapped domestic dogs or domestic cats submitted under this section, and the reports shall include the disposition of each incidentally trapped domestic dog or domestic cat.

Second: By striking out Sec. 12 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 12. 10 V.S.A. § 4001 is amended to read:

§ 4001. DEFINITIONS

Words and phrases used in this part, unless otherwise provided, shall be construed to mean as follows:

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(13) Rabbit: to include wild hare.

(14) Fur-bearing animals: beaver, otter, marten, mink, raccoon, fisher, fox, skunk, coyote, bobcat, weasel, opossum, lynx, wolf, and muskrat.

(15) Wild animals or wildlife: all animals, including birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles, other than domestic animals, domestic cats, or domestic dogs.

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(40) Domestic cat: any species of Felis catus that is normally maintained in or near the household of the owner. Domestic cat shall not mean a feral cat, bobcat, or a wild animal.

(41) Domestic dog: any species of Canis lupus familiaris that is normally maintained in or near the household of the owner. Domestic dog shall not mean a coyote or a wild animal.

(42) Feral cat: any species of Felis catus that: has no owner identification of any kind; lives outdoors; and displays a temperament of extreme fear in the presence of humans.