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Introduced by Representatives Jickling of Randolph, Chase of Colchester,  
Conquest of Newbury, Hooper of Randolph, Kimbell of  
Woodstock, Rogers of Waterville, and Sibia of Dover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; enforcement; property owners; trails

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide that  
the owner of property on which a trail open to the public is located shall not be  
considered to have committed an environmental violation when the violation is  
solely from use of the trail and the trail is administered, maintained, or  
controlled by an entity other than the property owner.

An act relating to enforcement of environmental violations occurring on  
trails

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 8002(6) is amended to read:

(6) “Respondent” means a person who has committed or is alleged to  
have committed a violation. “Respondent” shall not mean the owner of  
property on which a trail open to the public is located when the violation is

1 solely from use of the trail and the trail is administered, maintained, or  
2 controlled by an entity other than the property owner.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.