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2 Introduced by Representative Mrowicki of Putney

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health care; ticks; tickborne illness

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
7 Commissioner of Health to study the spread of tickborne disease in Vermont
8 and report on the best practices for avoiding ticks.

9 An act relating to a study on tickborne illness

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

11 Sec. 1. TICKBORNE ILLNESS STUDY

12 On or before January 15, 2021, the Commissioner of Health, after
13 consultation with the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, shall submit to the
14 House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and
15 Welfare a report that shall include the following:

16 (1) a summary of how the spread of ticks and tickborne illnesses are
17 currently monitored in the State;

18 (2) a summary of what other states are doing to control tick populations
19 and reduce the spread of tickborne illnesses;

1 (3) recommendations for improving State regulation of and response to
2 the threat and spread of ticks and tickborne illness; and

3 (4) recommendations for reducing the tick population.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.