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Introduced by Representatives Cina of Burlington, Colston of Winooski,  
Gonzalez of Winooski, Houghton of Essex, Lippert of  
Hinesburg, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City, Pajala of  
Londonderry, Ralph of Hartland, and White of Hartford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and Development; Department of Forests, Parks and  
Recreation; Native American affairs; State park signs

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to list the Abenaki place name for  
sites within State parks.

An act relating to Abenaki place names on State park signs

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 2613 is added to read:

§ 2613. NATIVE AMERICAN PLACE NAMES IN STATE PARKS

(a) The Commissioner, before installing new signs or replacing existing  
signs in State parks, shall consult with the Vermont Commission on Native  
American Affairs to determine if there is an Abenaki name for any site within  
the park. If the Commission on Native American Affairs advises the

1 Commissioner of an Abenaki name, the Abenaki name shall be displayed with  
2 the English name.

3 (b) On or before July 1, 2025, all existing signs in State parks with Abenaki  
4 names shall be replaced to include the Abenaki name.

5 Sec. 2. LIST OF PLACES WITH ABENAKI NAMES

6 On or before January 15, 2021, the Vermont Commission on Native  
7 American Affairs shall prepare a list of places and landmarks with Abenaki  
8 names. The Commission shall present the list to the Commissioner of Forests,  
9 Parks and Recreation in order to facilitate the construction of signs as required  
10 under 10 V.S.A. § 2613. The Commission shall also determine if there are  
11 sites outside of State parks with Abenaki names that require new signs.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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