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2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; bank robbery

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the
7 crime of bank robbery in Vermont.

8 An act relating to bank robbery

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

10 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 1205 is added to read:

11 § 1205. BANK ROBBERY

12 (a) No person shall:

13 (1) enter any financial institution and steal any money, property, or other
14 thing of value that belongs to the financial institution, or that is in the financial
15 institution's care, custody, or control; or

16 (2) obtain or attempt to obtain by extortion any money, property, or
17 other thing of value that belongs to the financial institution, or that is in the
18 financial institution's care, custody, or control.

19 (b) A person who violates subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be:

1 (1) imprisoned not more than 15 years or fined not more than \$5,000.00,
2 or both; or

3 (2) imprisoned not more than 25 years or fined not more than
4 \$10,000.00, or both, if the violation occurs while the person is carrying a
5 dangerous or deadly weapon.

6 (c) A person who violates subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be:

7 (1) imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than
8 \$1,000.00, or both, if the amount of money or other property extorted is less
9 than \$2,500.00; or

10 (2) imprisoned not more than 15 years or fined not more than \$5,000.00,
11 or both, if the amount of money or other property extorted equals or exceeds
12 \$2,500.00.

13 (d) As used in this section:

14 (1) “Financial institution” has the same meaning as in 8 V.S.A.
15 § 11101(32).

16 (2) “Dangerous or deadly weapon” has the same meaning as in section
17 4016 of this title.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.