

1 S.348

2 Representatives Myers of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of  
3 Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Quimby of  
4 Concord, Savage of Swanton, and Toof of St. Albans Town move that the  
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, 2020 Acts and  
6 Resolves No. 92, Sec. 3, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) If the Secretary of State orders or permits the mailing of 2020 General  
9 Election ballots to all registered voters pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
10 section, those ballots shall be returned in the manner prescribed in 17 V.S.A.  
11 § 2543 (early voter absentee ballots; return of ballots), but may be returned  
12 only by the voter; the justices of the peace who delivered the ballot, if  
13 applicable; or an authorized family member or caregiver acting in the voter’s  
14 behalf.

15 (1)(A) Any person who returns an early voter absentee ballot knowing  
16 the person is without authorization from the voter shall be fined not more than  
17 \$100.00 per violation for the first three violations, not more than \$500.00 per  
18 violation for the fourth through ninth violations, and not more than \$1,000.00  
19 per violation for the tenth and subsequent violations.

20 (B) The Attorney General or a State’s Attorney, whenever he or she  
21 has reason to believe any person to be or to have been in violation of this

1 subdivision (1), shall conduct a civil investigation in accordance with the  
2 procedures set forth in 17 V.S.A. § 2904.

3 (2) As used in this subsection:

4 (A) “Family member” means a voter’s spouse, child, sibling, parent,  
5 spouse’s parent, grandparent, or spouse’s grandparent.

6 (B) “Caregiver” means an individual providing care, including  
7 medical care, custodial care, personal care, mental health services,  
8 rehabilitative services, or any other kind of care provided that is required  
9 because of the voter’s age or disability.