Representative LaLonde of South Burlington moves that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 2 is added to read:

CHAPTER 2. CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES

§ 51. CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES

(a) All felonies shall be classified as follows: Class A; Class B; Class C; Class D; and Class E.

(b) All misdemeanors shall be classified as follows: Class A; Class B; Class C; Class D; and Class E.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by law, for all offenses the court may impose a sentence of imprisonment or a fine, or both.

§ 52. SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT

(a) The maximum term of imprisonment for a felony shall be as follows:

(1) Class A: life imprisonment.

(2) Class B: imprisonment for 20 years.

(3) Class C: imprisonment for 10 years.

(4) Class D: imprisonment for five years.

(5) Class E: imprisonment for three years.
(b) The maximum term of imprisonment for a misdemeanor shall be as follows:

(1) Class A: imprisonment for two years.

(2) Class B: imprisonment for one year.

(3) Class C: imprisonment for six months.

(4) Class D: imprisonment for 30 days.

(5) Class E: no term of imprisonment.

(c) The minimum term of imprisonment for a felony or a misdemeanor shall be as provided by law.

(d) Any statutory or mandatory minimum or maximum term of imprisonment for a felony or a misdemeanor shall be as provided by law.

§ 53. FINES

(a) Unless otherwise provided by law, the maximum fine for a felony shall be as follows:

(1) Class A: $500,000.00.

(2) Class B: $250,000.00.

(3) Class C: $50,000.00.

(4) Class D: $25,000.00.

(5) Class E: $15,000.00.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, the maximum fine for a misdemeanor shall be as follows:
(1) Class A: $10,000.00.

(2) Class B: $5,000.00.

(3) Class C: $2,500.00.

(4) Class D: $1,000.00 $500.00.

(5) Class E: $250.00.

§ 54. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) Unless otherwise provided by law, criminal offenses shall be classified according to each offense’s statutory maximum penalty. Criminal offenses shall be classified as follows:

(1) Felonies:

(A) All felonies punishable by a maximum term of life imprisonment shall be Class A felonies.

(B) All felonies punishable by a maximum term of 20 years or more but less than life shall be Class B felonies.

(C) All felonies punishable by a maximum term of 10 years or more but less than 20 years shall be Class C felonies.

(D) All felonies punishable by a maximum term of five years or more but less than ten years shall be Class D felonies.

(E) All felonies punishable by a maximum term of less than five years shall be Class E felonies.

(2) Misdemeanors.
(A) All misdemeanors punishable by a maximum term of
imprisonment of two years shall be Class A misdemeanors.

(B) All misdemeanors punishable by a maximum term of
imprisonment of one year or more but less than two years shall be Class B
misdemeanors.

(C) All misdemeanors punishable by a maximum term of
imprisonment of six months or more but less than one year shall be Class C
misdemeanors.

(D) All misdemeanors punishable by a maximum term of
imprisonment of 30 days or more but less than six months shall be Class D
misdemeanors.

(E) All misdemeanors punishable by a fine and no term of
imprisonment or a maximum term of imprisonment of less than 30 days shall
be Class E misdemeanors.

Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 9 is amended to read:

§ 9. ATTEMPTS

(a) A person who attempts to commit an offense and does an act toward the
commission thereof, but by reason of being interrupted or prevented fails in the
execution of the same, shall be punished as herein provided unless other
express provision is made by law for the punishment of the attempt. If the
offense attempted to be committed is murder, aggravated murder, kidnapping,
arson causing death, human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking,
aggravated sexual assault, or sexual assault, a person shall be punished as the
offense attempted to be committed is by law punishable.

(b) If the offense attempted to be committed is a felony other than those set
forth in subsection (a) of this section, a person shall be punished by the less
severe of the following punishments:

(1) imprisonment for not more than 10 years or fined not more than
$10,000.00, or both as a Class C felony; or

(2) as the offense attempted to be committed is by law punishable.

(c) If the offense attempted to be committed is a misdemeanor, a person
shall be imprisoned or fined, or both, in an amount not to exceed one half the
maximum penalty for which subject to the punishment applicable to the
misdemeanor that is one class level lower than the offense so attempted to be
committed is by law punishable.

Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Until the General Assembly passes legislation classifying an offense as a
Class A, B, C, D, or E felony, or a Class A, B, C, D, or E misdemeanor, the
penalty for the offense shall be the penalty in effect on July 1, 2020, or, if the
penalty is amended by a subsequent act of the General Assembly, the penalty
in effect on the effective date of the subsequent act.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.