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H.357

Introduced by Representatives McCormack of Burlington and Burke of
Brattleboro

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; game; hunting; trapping; wanton waste

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
wanton waste of game, fur-bearing species, wild birds, or other wildlife
wounded or killed while hunting or trapping.

An act relating to prohibiting the wanton waste of wildlife

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4717 is added to read:

§ 4717. WANTON WASTE

(a) As used in this section, “waste” means to intentionally leave wounded
or killed game, fur-bearing species, wild birds, or other wildlife in the field or
forest without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and consume or use the
game, fur-bearing species, wild birds, or other wildlife.

(b) A person shall not waste game, fur-bearing species, wild birds, or other
wildlife that is wounded or killed by that person while hunting or trapping.

1 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4502(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) A person violating provisions of this part shall receive points for
3 convictions in accordance with the following schedule (all sections are in this
4 title of the Vermont Statutes Annotated):

5 (1) Except for biological collection violations determined to be nonpoint
6 violations under the rules of the Board, five points shall be assessed for any
7 violation of statutes or rules adopted under this part except those listed in
8 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.

9 (2) Ten points shall be assessed for:

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11 (UU) § 4717. Wanton waste.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.