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Senator Brock moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows in Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. part 4, chapter 124:

First: In section 5501, definitions, in subdivision (2), by striking out subdivisions (H) (mammoth) and (I) (mastodon) in their entireties and by relettering the remaining subdivisions of subdivision (2) to be alphabetically correct.

Second: In section 5503, exceptions, by striking out subdivision (a)(3) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(3) to any article that satisfies the antique exemption under 16 U.S.C. § 1539 of the Endangered Species Act or for which the article meets the following:

- (A) is not less than 100 years of age;
- (B) is composed in whole or in part of a covered animal;
- (C) has not been repaired or modified with any covered animal part or product of the species on or after December 28, 1973; and
- (D) was legally imported and acquired.

and by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) Documentation evidencing reasonable provenance of or the age of a covered animal part or product that may be purchased, sold, offered for sale, or

1 possessed under subsection (a) of this section may include receipts of  
2 purchase, invoices, bills of sale, prior appraisals, auction catalogues, museum  
3 or art gallery exhibit catalogues, written and sworn statements of qualified  
4 experts or appraisers, and scientific tests that determine the age or composition  
5 of an object, including carbon dating, genetic testing, spectrographic analysis,  
6 or other scientifically accepted methods. An expert providing a statement  
7 under this subsection shall demonstrate his or her qualification to issue  
8 statements for the provenance of or age of a covered animal part through  
9 education, training, professional certification, or documented experience. The  
10 issuance of a false or fraudulent statement of the age or provenance of a  
11 covered animal part or product shall be subject to penalty under section 5506  
12 of this title.