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Introduced by Representative Rachelson of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Recreation and sports; ski areas and tramways

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require ski area operators to adopt a safety plan and annually report data concerning skiing accidents.

An act relating to ski area operators and skiing accident reports

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

Sec. 1. Sec. 1. 31 V.S.A. chapter 15 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 15. SKI-TRAMWAYS SKIING

Subchapter 1. Ski Tramways

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Subchapter 2. Ski Area Operators

§ 718. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Accident” means any incident requiring one or more individuals to be transported from the ski area to a medical facility.

1 (2) “Number of skiing days” means an accounting of the number of
2 times an individual purchases a ski tramway ticket or uses a season pass at a
3 ski area during the ski area’s operational season.

4 (3) “Ski area operator” means a person who owns or controls the
5 operation of a ski area or passenger tramway. “Ski area operator” includes the
6 State and its political subdivisions.

7 (4) “Terrain difficulty rating” means the designation, related symbols,
8 and other criteria used by a ski area operator to communicate the difficulty of
9 the skiing terrain.

10 (5) “Trauma score” means the trauma scoring system used by
11 emergency medical professionals prior to the transport of an injured person,
12 including the Glasgow Coma Scale, blood pressure, respiratory rate, and any
13 evidence of external hemorrhage.

14 § 719. SAFETY PLAN AND ACCIDENT REPORT

15 (a) On or before January 1 of each year, a ski area operator shall adopt a
16 safety plan. The safety plan shall describe the practices employed by the ski
17 area operator to prevent accidents and reduce the severity of injuries. Each
18 plan shall include details concerning:

19 (1) management and operational roles;

20 (2) compliance monitoring;

21 (3) applicable policies and procedures; and

1 (4) training materials.

2 (b) On or before July 1 of each year, a ski area operator shall report on all
3 skiing accidents from the previous year. The report shall include:

4 (1) the number of skiing and snowboarding accidents that occurred at
5 the ski area;

6 (2) the cause of each accident at the ski area, including a fall while on
7 skis or a snowboard, a fall from a tramway, or a collision with another person
8 or a fixed object;

9 (3) the anatomical location and trauma score of any injury resulting
10 from each accident;

11 (4) the age, sex, and number of skiing days of each individual involved
12 in each accident at the ski area; and

13 (5) the location of each accident at the ski area and any terrain difficulty
14 rating associated with that location.

15 (c) A ski area operator shall publish the plan and report required by this
16 section on its publicly accessible website and submit the plan and report to the
17 House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs; the Senate
18 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs; and the
19 Passenger Tramway Board. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of
20 required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this section.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.