

1 S.182

2 Introduced by Senator Baruth

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; paramilitary training camps

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
7 ownership and operation of paramilitary training camps in Vermont.

8 An act relating to prohibiting paramilitary training camps

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

10 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4023 is added to read:

11 § 4023. PARAMILITARY TRAINING CAMPS PROHIBITED

12 (a) A person shall not own or operate a paramilitary training camp or
13 facility in the State of Vermont. A person who violates this subsection shall be
14 imprisoned for not more than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or
15 both.

16 (b) This section shall not apply to:

17 (1) training conducted by a state or federal law enforcement agency;

18 (2) training conducted by the Vermont National Guard, the National

19 Guard of another state, or the U.S. Armed Forces;

20 (3) training conducted by a state, county, or municipal fire department;

- 1 (4) an active shooter drill conducted by a Vermont school district;
2 (5) a Vermont hunter safety course or an equivalent hunter safety course
3 that is approved by the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife; or
4 (6) sport shooting conducted at a sport shooting range.

5 (c) As used in this section:

6 (1) “Paramilitary training” means instruction:

7 (A) that is designed to prepare a person for combat through the
8 simulation of military training and tactics;

9 (B) that involves staged or simulated attacks on buildings, vehicles,
10 or persons; or

11 (C) in the use of explosives as defined in section 1603 of this title.

12 (2) “Sport shooting range” has the same meaning as in 10 V.S.A.
13 § 5227(a).

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.