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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Sims of Craftsbury, Boyden of Cambridge,
Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Demrow of
Corinth, Elder of Starksboro, Harrison of Chittenden, Jerome of
Brandon, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of
Thetford, Morris of Springfield, Priestley of Bradford,
Surprenant of Barnard, and Torre of Moretown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; recreational trails

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the
Green Mountain Recreation Fund as a sustainable source of funding for
organizational capacity and recreation related development and stewardship.

The Fund would be funded from five percent of the existing tax on the
gallonage sale of malt and vinous beverages. The Fund would be used to fund:

- (1) one full-time staff position at the Vermont Trails and Greenways

Council (VTGC) whose duties would be to:

- (A) administer membership to the VTGC;
- (B) manage VTGC meetings, activities, operations, and budget;

1 (C) routinely assess the needs of the Vermont trail stewardship
2 community;

3 (D) develop, manage, and deploy technical assistance resources for
4 VTGC members; and

5 (E) execute the VTGC's advisory role to the Agency of Natural
6 Resources, as defined in statute;

7 (2) one full-time staff position at the Department of Forests, Parks and
8 Recreation whose duties would be to:

9 (A) administer membership to the Vermont Trail System (VTS);

10 (B) ensure members comply with VTS program requirements;

11 (C) provide support to the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council;

12 (D) provide technical assistance to VTS members; and

13 (E) facilitate the development of tools and resources in the resource
14 library;

15 (3) one full-time staff position at the Department of Forests, Parks and
16 Recreation to lead program administration of the Green Mountain Recreation
17 Fund whose duties would be to:

18 (A) develop and maintain information about grant opportunities;

19 (B) host trainings and other events to support applicants and grantees;

20 (C) develop and maintain a regular grant cycle; and

21 (D) manage a grant selection process;

