

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 3
3 entitled “An act relating to prohibiting paramilitary training camps”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 85 is amended to read:

8 CHAPTER 85. WEAPONS

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10 Subchapter 3. Unauthorized Military Training

11 § 4071. PARAMILITARY TRAINING PROHIBITED

12 (a) A person shall not:

13 (1) teach, train, or demonstrate to any other person the use, application,
14 or making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing
15 injury or death, or in techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons,
16 if the person knows or reasonably should know that the teaching, training, or
17 demonstrating will be unlawfully employed is intended to be for use used in or
18 in furtherance of a civil disorder; or

19 (2) assemble with one or more other persons for the purpose of
20 practicing, or being taught, trained, or instructed in, the use, application, or
21 making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury

1 or death, or in techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons, if the
2 person knows or reasonably should know that the practicing, teaching, training,
3 or instruction will be unlawfully employed is intended to be for use used in or
4 in furtherance of a civil disorder.

5 (b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than
6 five years or fined not more than ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$50,000.00, or both.

7 (c) This section shall not apply to:

8 (1) activity engaged in for legitimate law enforcement purposes by a
9 federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer certified as a law
10 enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council pursuant to
11 20 V.S.A. § 2358;

12 (2) lawful activity engaged in by students at Norwich University or any
13 other educational institution where military science is taught as a prescribed
14 part of the course of instruction;

15 (3) any activity undertaken without knowledge of or intent to cause or
16 further a civil disorder that is intended to teach or practice self-defense or self-
17 defense techniques, including karate clubs, self-defense clinics, and similar
18 lawful activity;

19 (4) any facility, program, or lawful activity related to firearms
20 instruction and training that is intended to teach the safe handling and use of
21 firearms; or

1 (5) any lawful sports or activities related to the individual recreational
2 use or possession of firearms, including hunting pursuant to 10 V.S.A. part 4,
3 target shooting, self-defense, and firearms collection.

4 § 4072. DEFINITIONS

5 As used in this chapter:

6 (1) “Civil disorder” means any public disturbance involving acts of
7 violence by an assemblage of two or more persons that causes an immediate
8 danger of or results in damage or injury to the property or person of any other
9 individual.

10 (2) “Explosive” has the same meaning as in subdivision 1603(2) of this
11 title.

12 (3) “Firearm” has the same meaning as in subdivision 4016(a)(3) of this
13 title.

14 (4) “Incendiary device” means a device so constructed that an ignition
15 by fire, friction, concussion, detonation, or other method may produce
16 destructive effects primarily through combustion rather than explosion. The
17 term does not include a manufactured device or article in common use by the
18 general public that is designed to produce combustion for a lawful purpose,
19 including matches, lighters, flares, or devices commercially manufactured
20 primarily for the purpose of illumination, heating, or cooking. The term does
21 not include firearms ammunition.

