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Introduced by Representatives Satcowitz of Randolph, Bos-Lun of
Westminster, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington,
Pouech of Hinesburg, Sheldon of Middlebury, and Torre of
Moretown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; furbearers; use of bait

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a
person from taking a furbearer by gun, bow and arrow, or crossbow with the
use of bait.

An act relating to the taking of furbearers

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4866 is added to read:

§ 4866. TAKING OF FURBEARERS; USE OF BAIT

(a) As used in this section, “bait” means any animal, vegetable, fruit, or
mineral matter placed with the intention of attracting wildlife. “Bait” does not
mean animal, vegetable, or fruit matter placed by a person subject to the
Required Agricultural Practices as part of standard agricultural production.

1 **(b) No person shall take a fur-bearing animal by gun, bow and arrow, or**
2 **crossbow with the use of bait.**

3 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4502(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) A person violating provisions of this part shall receive points for
5 convictions in accordance with the following schedule (all sections are in this
6 title of the Vermont Statutes Annotated):

7 (1) Except for biological collection violations determined to be nonpoint
8 violations under the rules of the Board, five points shall be assessed for any
9 violation of statutes or rules adopted under this part except those listed in
10 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.

11 (2) Ten points shall be assessed for:

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13 (TT) § 4716. Participating in a coyote-hunting competition.

14 (UU) § 4516. **Taking furbearers by gun, bow and arrow, or crossbow**
15 **with the use of bait.**

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17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.