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An act relating to technical corrections to fish and wildlife statutes

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4001 is amended to read:

§ 4001. DEFINITIONS

Words and phrases used in this part, unless otherwise provided, shall be construed to mean as follows:

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(6) ~~Pickereel: the great northern pike, chain pickerel, or muskellunge.~~

[Repealed.]

(7) ~~Pike perch: walleyed or yellow pike.~~ [Repealed.]

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Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4905 is amended to read:

§ 4905. BIRDS' NESTS AND EGGS; DESTROYING OR ROBBING

A person shall not take or ~~wilfully~~ willfully destroy the nests or eggs of wild birds, other than rock pigeons, the English sparrow, starling, or purple grackle house sparrows, or European starlings, except when necessary to protect buildings and the nests to be removed contain no eggs or chicks and are no longer being used by birds for feeding, or when taken as provided in section 4152 of this title.

1 Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 4502 is amended to read:

2 § 4502. UNIFORM POINT SYSTEM; REVOCATION OF LICENSE

3 (a) A uniform point system that assigns points to those convicted of a
4 violation of a provision of this part is established. The conviction report from
5 the court shall be prima facie evidence of the points assessed. In addition to
6 other penalties assessed for violation of fish and wildlife statutes, the
7 Commissioner shall suspend licenses issued under this part that are held by a
8 person who has accumulated 10 or more points in accordance with the
9 provisions of subsection (c) of this section.

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

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

17 (2) Ten points shall be assessed for:

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19 (I) ~~§ 4706. Snaring animals~~ [Repealed.]

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Sec. 6. 4 V.S.A. § 1102 is amended to read:

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§ 1102. JUDICIAL BUREAU; JURISDICTION

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(a) The Judicial Bureau is created within the Judicial Branch under the supervision of the Supreme Court.

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(b) The Judicial Bureau shall have jurisdiction of the following matters:

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(19) Violations of rules adopted under 10 V.S.A. § 1424, relating to the use of public waters.

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Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.