

1 S.311

2 Introduced by Senators Cummings and Perchlik

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; private preserves; fish and wildlife;

6 posting of land; requirements for posting

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
8 requirements for the posting of land against hunting and fishing to clarify that
9 “posting annually” means posting once every 12 months.

10 An act relating to posting of land

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

12 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 5201 is amended to read:

13 § 5201. NOTICES; POSTING

14 (a)(1) An owner, or a person having the exclusive right to take game upon
15 land or the waters thereon, who desires to protect ~~his or her~~ the owner’s land or
16 private pond or propagation farm over which ~~he or she~~ the owner has exclusive
17 control may maintain notices stating that:

18 (A) the shooting, trapping, or taking of game or wild animals is
19 prohibited or is by permission only;

1 (B) fishing or the taking of fish is prohibited or is by permission
2 only; or

3 (C) fishing, hunting, trapping, or taking of game is prohibited or is by
4 permission only.

5 (2) "Permission only signs" authorized under this section shall contain
6 the owner's name and a method by which to contact the property owner or a
7 person authorized to provide permission to hunt, fish, or trap on the property.

8 (b) Notices prohibiting the taking of game shall be erected upon or near the
9 boundaries of lands to be affected with notices at each corner and not over 400
10 feet apart along the boundaries thereof. Legible signs must be maintained at
11 all times and shall be dated each year. These signs shall be of a standard size
12 and design as the Commissioner shall specify.

13 (c) The owner or person posting the lands shall record this posting annually
14 in the town clerk's office of the town in which the land is located. The posting
15 shall be valid and enforceable for 365 days after the date the posting is
16 recorded. The recording form shall be furnished by the Commissioner and
17 shall be filled out in triplicate, one copy to be retained by the town clerk, one
18 copy to the Commissioner, and one copy to be retained by the person having
19 the right to post the lands. The forms shall contain the information as to the
20 approximate number of acres posted, location in town, date of posting, and
21 signature of person so posting the lands. The town clerk shall file the record,

1 and it shall be open to public inspection. The town clerk shall retain a fee of
2 \$5.00 for this recording.

3 (d) Land posted as provided in subsection (b) of this section shall be
4 enclosed land for the purposes herein.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.