

1 Introduced by Committee on Environment

2 Date:

3 Subject: Conservation and development; fish and wildlife conservation;
4 penalties and enforcement; licenses

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
6 technical changes to the uniform point system statute for fish and wildlife
7 violations. This bill would grant the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife
8 discretion to determine whether annual hunting licenses expire on December
9 31 of the year for which they were issued or 365 days after the date they were
10 issued. This bill also would grant the Department of Fish and Wildlife the
11 ability to assess a fee for additional tags or permits that are not otherwise
12 identified in statute.

13 An act relating to technical corrections to fish and wildlife statutes

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

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

16 § 4502. UNIFORM POINT SYSTEM; REVOCATION OF LICENSE

17 (a) A uniform point system that assigns points to those convicted of a
18 violation of a provision of this part is established. The conviction report from
19 the court shall be prima facie evidence of the points assessed. In addition to
20 other penalties assessed for violation of fish and wildlife statutes, the

1 Commissioner shall suspend licenses issued under this part that are held by a
2 person who has accumulated 10 or more points in accordance with the
3 provisions of subsection (c) of this section.

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 (G) § 4704. Use of machine guns, and autoloading rifles, ~~and gun~~
14 ~~suppressors~~

15 (H) § 4705. Shooting from motor vehicles or aircraft, excluding §
16 4705(a)

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18 (GG) Appendix § 44. Trapping, except for violations of Appendix §
19 44, sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.6, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, ~~4.14(e)~~ 4.18(b), and ~~4.14(e)~~
20 4.18(e)

1 (HH) § 4827. Taking black bear doing damage

2 (II) Appendix § 37, ~~section 10~~ sections 4.1, 7.5, 8.5, 11.0, 11.1, 11.2,
3 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 13.0, and 13.1. Deer management rule

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5 (OO) Appendix § 22a. Taking turkey doing damage

6 (PP) Appendix § 35. Taking moose doing damage

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8 (SS) ~~Appendix § 37, section 9.0. Feeding deer~~ Appendix § 7, section
9 5.3. Bear management rule

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

11 (UU) Appendix § 22, sections 6.2, 8.0, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5.

12 Turkey seasons

13 (VV) Appendix § 33, section 12. Moose management rule

14 (WW) Appendix § 5. Bow and arrow standards

15 (XX) § 4701. Use of gun, bow and arrow, and crossbow; legal day;

16 dogs.

17 (3) Twenty points shall be assessed for:

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19 (E) § 4702. Use of light (firearm ~~or~~, muzzleloader, air bow or rifle,

20 bow, or crossbow involved)

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1 Licenses shall not be transferable and shall be dated when issued. Annual
2 licenses shall be valid from January 1 of the calendar year for which they are
3 issued or from the day of purchase and issue in that year as certified by the
4 issuing agent. All annual licenses shall expire on December 31 of the year for
5 which they were issued or 365 days after the date on which they are issued, as
6 determined by the Commissioner. Term licenses shall be valid only for the
7 time period certified on the license form by the issuing agent. Any licenses
8 may be sold prior to the date that they are to become effective.

9 Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

10 § 4255. LICENSE FEES

11 (a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the
12 Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

13	(1) Fishing license	\$28.00
14	(2) Hunting license	\$28.00
15	(3) Combination hunting and fishing license	\$47.00
16	(4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)	
17	(A) archery license	\$23.00
18	(B) muzzle loader license	\$23.00
19	(C) turkey license	\$23.00
20	(D) [Repealed.]	
21	(E) [Repealed.]	

1	(F) moose license	\$100.00
2	(G) bear tag	\$5.00
3	(H) additional deer archery tag	\$23.00
4	(5) Trapping license	\$23.00
5	(6) Hunting license for persons 17 years of age or under	\$8.00
6	(7) Trapping license for persons 17 years of age or under	\$10.00
7	(8) Fishing license for persons 15 through 17 years of age	\$8.00
8	(9) Super sport license	\$150.00
9	(10) Three-day fishing license	\$11.00
10	(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for persons 17 years of	
11	age or under	\$12.00
12	(12) Mentored hunting license	\$10.00

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14 (o) If the Board determines that it is necessary to issue or require additional
15 tags or permits that are not otherwise identified in this section in order to
16 maintain the best health, population, and utilization levels of a regulated
17 species, the Department may issue such tags and permits and may assess a fee
18 for such tags and permits of no more than \$40.00.

19 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

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