

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 928 entitled “An act relating to technical corrections to fish and
4 wildlife statutes” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 4502, in subsection (b), in subdivision (2), by
8 striking out subdivision (SS) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
9 subdivision (SS) to read as follows:

10 (SS) ~~Appendix § 37, section 9.0. Feeding deer~~ [Repealed.]

11 Second: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 4502, in subsection (b), in subdivision (3),
12 by striking out subdivision (O) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
13 subdivision (O) to read as follows:

14 (O) Appendix § 7, sections 4.0, 4.1, 4.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3(b), 6.3(d),
15 6.3(e), 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4, and 8.2. ~~Bear, unauthorized taking~~ management
16 rule

17 Third: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 4502, in subsection (b), in subdivision (3), by
18 striking out subdivision (P) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
19 subdivision (P) to read as follows:

1 (P) Appendix § 22, sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 6.4, and
2 6.5. Turkey season, excluding requirements for youth turkey hunting season;
3 and size of shot used or possessed seasons

4 Fourth: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 4502, in subsection (b), in subdivision (3),
5 by striking out subdivision (U) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
6 subdivision (U) to read as follows:

7 (U) Appendix § 37, sections 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 8.1, 8.2, 8.4,
8 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, 9.5, 12.2, and 14. Deer management rule, ~~excluding requirements~~
9 ~~for youth deer hunting weekend; requirements for novice season; limitations~~
10 ~~on feeding of deer; reporting big game; and section 11.0, ban of urine and~~
11 ~~other natural lures~~

12 Fifth: In Sec. 4, 1999 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec 87a, by striking
13 subdivision (A)(ii)(II) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (A)(ii)(II)
14 to read as follows:

15 (II) Plan and Involve the Community. Involve Vermont
16 citizens and municipalities ~~in~~ when developing and updating ~~every 10 years~~
17 a the long-term comprehensive plan for management of portions of the lands
18 which are transferred to it.

19 Sixth: By striking out Sec. 5, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in
20 lieu thereof five new sections to be Secs. 5–9 to read as follows:
21 Sec. 5. 9 V.S.A. § 2494c is added to read:

1 § 2494c. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

2 (a) The Attorney General may request a certificate of compliance from a
3 manufacturer of a cosmetic or menstrual product. Within 60 days after receipt
4 of the Attorney General’s request for a certificate of compliance, the
5 manufacturer shall:

6 (1) provide the Attorney General with a certificate attesting that the
7 manufacturer’s product or products comply with the requirements of this
8 subchapter; or

9 (2) notify persons who are selling a product of the manufacturer’s in this
10 State that the sale is prohibited because the product does not comply with this
11 subchapter and submit to the Attorney General a list of the names and
12 addresses of those persons notified.

13 (b) A manufacturer required to submit a certificate of compliance pursuant
14 to this section may rely upon a certificate of compliance provided to the
15 manufacturer by a supplier for the purpose of determining the manufacturer’s
16 reporting obligations. A certificate of compliance provided by a supplier in
17 accordance with this subsection shall be used solely for the purpose of
18 determining a manufacturer’s compliance with this section.

19 Sec. 6. 9 V.S.A. § 2494w is amended to read:

20 § 2494w. DEFINITIONS

21 As used in this subchapter:

1 (1) “Bisphenols” means any member of a class of industrial chemicals
2 that contain two hydroxyphenyl groups. Bisphenols are used primarily in the
3 manufacture of polycarbonate plastic and epoxy resins.

4 (2) “Department” means the Department of Health.

5 (3) “Food package” or “food packaging” means a package or packaging
6 component that is intended for direct food contact.

7 (4) “Intentionally added” means the addition of a chemical in a product
8 that serves an intended function in the product component.

9 (5) “Manufacturer” means any person engaged in the business of
10 making or assembling a consumer product directly or indirectly available to
11 consumers. “Manufacturer” excludes a distributor or retailer, except when a
12 consumer product is made or assembled outside the United States, in which
13 case a “manufacturer” includes the importer or first domestic distributor of the
14 consumer product.

15 (6) “Ortho-phthalates” means any member of the class of organic
16 chemicals that are esters of phthalic acid containing two carbon chains located
17 in the ortho position.

18 ~~(6)~~(7) “Package” means a container providing a means of marketing,
19 protecting, or handling a product and shall include a unit package, an
20 intermediate package, and a shipping container. “Package” also means

1 unsealed receptacles, such as carrying cases, crates, cups, pails, rigid foil and
2 other trays, wrappers and wrapping films, bags, and tubs.

3 ~~(7)~~(8) “Packaging component” means an individual assembled part of a
4 package, such as any interior or exterior blocking, bracing, cushioning,
5 weatherproofing, exterior strapping, coatings, closures, inks, and labels, and
6 disposable gloves used in commercial or institutional food service.

7 ~~(8)~~(9) “Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances” or “PFAS”
8 means a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully
9 fluorinated carbon atom.

10 **Sec. 7. 9 V.S.A. § 2494x(d) is amended to read:**

11 (d) This section shall not apply to the sale ~~or resale of used products~~ offer
12 for sale, distribution for sale, or distribution for use of food packaging that has
13 been previously used by a consumer for the intended purpose of the product.

14 Sec. 8. 10 V.S.A. § 4613 is amended to read:

15 § 4613. FISHING TOURNAMENTS

16 (a)(1) No person or organization shall hold a fishing tournament on the
17 waters of the State without first obtaining a permit from the Department of
18 Fish and Wildlife. Applications for a permit to hold a fishing tournament on
19 the waters of the State shall be submitted on a form issued by the
20 Commissioner.

1 (2)(A) For any application for a fishing tournament permit, the
2 Department of Fish and Wildlife shall post notice of the tournament on the
3 Department’s website.

4 (B) Tournaments held on the Connecticut River, excluding Moore
5 and Comerford Reservoirs, that do not utilize an access area in Vermont are
6 not required to obtain a permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

7 (3) The Department of Fish and Wildlife shall consult with the Drinking
8 Water and Groundwater Protection Division of the Department of
9 Environmental Conservation to develop best management practices for fishing
10 tournaments permitted on public waters that serve as a source for public
11 drinking water systems. The best management practices shall be designed to
12 mitigate any potential impact of a fishing tournament on a public water system.
13 The best management practices shall be incorporated into fishing tournament
14 permits issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

15 (b) A ~~fishing tournament~~ “fishing tournament” means a contest in which
16 anglers pay a fee to enter and in which the entrants compete for a prize based
17 on the quality or size of the fish they catch. A contest may run multiple days,
18 but the days must be consecutive for that contest to be considered a single
19 event. A tournament that limits the entrants to ~~people~~ individuals below 15
20 years of age or a tournament held as part of a Special Olympics program shall
21 be exempt from paying the fee required under subsection (d) of this section.

1 (c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules that establish the procedure for
2 implementation of this section. The rules shall include a provision that an
3 angler may not enter a fish that was caught and confined to an enclosed area
4 prior to the beginning of the tournament.

5 (d) The Commissioner shall charge a fee based on the number of
6 participants for each permit issued under this section and shall deposit the fee
7 collected into the Fish and Wildlife Fund. Tournaments with up to 25
8 participants shall pay a fee of \$10.00; tournaments with 26 to 50 participants
9 shall pay a fee of \$30.00; and tournaments with more than 50 participants shall
10 pay a fee of \$100.00.

11 **Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATES**

12 (a) This section and Secs. 5–7 (PFAS conforming changes) shall take effect
13 on passage.

14 (b) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE