

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 683 entitled “An act relating to the protection of migratory
4 birds” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that
5 the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, 10 V.S.A. § 4902, by striking out it out in its entirety and
7 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 § 4902. WILD BIRDS GENERALLY; NO OPEN SEASON; EXCEPTION

9 (a) Wild birds, other than pigeons, shall not be taken, possessed, bought, or
10 sold, at any time, except as provided by this part, rules of the Board or orders
11 of the Commissioner. ~~Birds coming from without the State belonging to the~~
12 ~~same family as those protected by this subchapter shall not be bought or sold.~~

13 (b) Harm or death of a migratory bird listed as protected in the Migratory
14 Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703–712 as of July 1, 2020, that results from
15 human activity where the intent was not to harm or kill the bird, but where bird
16 harm or death was a direct and foreseeable result of the activity, is prohibited.
17 Nothing in this section shall require the Department to implement a new
18 permitting program.

19 Second: In Sec. 3, 10 V.S.A. § 4910, by striking out the following:

20 “Enforcement of this provision, shall be in accordance with 10 V.S.A.

21 Section 4520.”

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2 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE