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Introduced by Representatives LaClair of Barre Town, Bancroft of Westford,
Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Higley of
Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Martel of Waterford, and Shaw of
Pittsford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife conservation; legal day; licenses; activities
permitted under licenses

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
license holder to carry a handgun and a bow when authorized to pursue a
wounded deer or bear after the close of the legal hunting day.

An act relating to carrying a handgun and a bow after the close of the legal
hunting day

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4701 is amended to read:

§ 4701. USE OF GUN, BOW AND ARROW, AND CROSSBOW; LEGAL
DAY; DOGS

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1 (b) A person shall not take game between one-half hour after sunset and
2 one-half hour before sunrise unless otherwise provided by statute or by the
3 rules of the Board. An officer certified under Level II or III of the training
4 standards set forth in 20 V.S.A. § 2358 may authorize a person holding a valid
5 license for taking a deer or bear by the use of archery equipment to search for a
6 wounded deer or bear after the close of the legal day.

7 (c) A person may take game and fur-bearing animals during the open
8 season ~~therefor~~, with the aid of a dog, unless otherwise prohibited by statute or
9 by the rules of the Board.

10 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4252 is amended to read:

11 § 4252. ACTIVITIES PERMITTED UNDER LICENSES

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13 (b) In addition to the activities authorized under subsection (a) of this
14 section and the rules authorized thereunder, the holder of an archery license or
15 a super sport license may possess a handgun while archery hunting, provided
16 that the license holder shall not take game by firearm while archery hunting.
17 When the holder of a valid license is authorized under subsection 4701(b) of
18 this title to search for a wounded deer or bear after the close of the legal day,
19 the holder of the license may carry a handgun and a bow. As used in this
20 section, “handgun” means a pistol or revolver which will expel a projectile by
21 the action of an explosive.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.