

1 H.142

2 Introduced by Representative Johnson of Canaan

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fish and game; agriculture; wild turkeys

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the commissioner of fish
7 and wildlife to adopt a general permit for the trapping and transport of turkeys
8 on land owned or leased by a person engaged in farming.

9 An act relating to the trapping and transport of turkeys

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

11 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4910 is added to read:

12 § 4910. TRAPPING AND TRANSPORT OF WILD TURKEYS

13 The commissioner shall adopt by rule a general permit for the trapping and
14 transport of wild turkeys on land owned or leased by a person engaged in
15 farming, as that term is defined in subdivision 6001(22) of this title. The
16 general permit shall allow the trapping and transport of turkeys subject to the
17 following conditions:

18 (1) Prior to authorization to trap and transport turkeys, a person shall
19 implement management measures required by the commissioner to prevent or
20 mitigate turkey populations on the land at issue.

1 (2) If the management measures required under subdivision (a)(1) of
2 this subsection are unsuccessful, the person applying to trap and transport
3 turkeys shall consult with the department and the U.S. Department of
4 Agriculture wildlife services office to determine the best method for trapping
5 the turkeys and to identify an area to which any trapped turkeys shall be
6 transported.

7 (3) Any trapping or transport authorized by the general permit shall be
8 designed to minimize harm to the turkeys.

9 (4) Any additional conditions required by the commissioner.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.