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5 Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of
6 Barre Town, Mattos of Milton, McFaun of Barre Town,
7 Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Norris of Shoreham,
8 Page of Newport City, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of
9 Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Seymour of Sutton, Toof of St.
10 Albans Town, and Troiano of Stannard

11 Referred to Committee on

12 Date:

13 Subject: Fish and wildlife; game; hunting; crossbow

14 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize a
15 person 21 years of age or older to use a crossbow as a means of take during
16 any season when a bow and arrow may be used to take a deer.

17 An act relating to authorizing the use of crossbows to take deer

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

2 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4711 is amended to read:

3 § 4711. CROSSBOW HUNTING; PERMIT

4 (a) A person 21 years of age or older may use a crossbow as a means of
5 take during any season when a bow and arrow may be used to take a deer.

6 (b) A person who is impaired to the degree that he or she cannot operate a
7 standard bow may obtain a permit to take game with a crossbow.

8 (c) The permit fee for a permit issued under subsection (a) of this section
9 shall be the relevant fee for the permit as set forth under section 4255 of this
10 title. The permit fees for a permit issued under subsection (b) of this section
11 shall be \$25.00 for a permanent permit and \$5.00 for a temporary permit.

12 (d) A person who has lost a crossbow permit may request a new permit
13 from the agent of original issue. The fee shall be \$5.00.

14 (e) All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the Fish and
15 Wildlife Fund.

16 (f) A person applying for ~~this~~ a permit ~~must~~ under subsection (b) of this
17 section shall personally appear before the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife,
18 or his or her designee, with certification from a licensed physician that he or
19 she is so disabled. The Commissioner may obtain a second medical opinion to
20 verify the disability. Upon satisfactory proof of the disability, the
21 Commissioner may issue a permit under ~~this~~ subsection (b) of this section.

1 The A permit issued under subsection (b) of this section shall set forth whether
2 it was issued because of an inability to use a standard bow; and shall be
3 attached to the license.

4 (g) The holder of ~~the~~ a permit issued under this section shall carry it at all
5 times while hunting, and produce it on demand for inspection by any game
6 warden or other law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests.

7 (h) Unless it is uncocked, a person shall not possess or transport a crossbow
8 in or on a motor vehicle, motorboat, airplane, snowmobile, or other motor-
9 propelled craft or any vehicle drawn by a motor-propelled vehicle except as
10 permitted under subsection 4705(e) of this title.

11 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. app. § 37(7.4) is amended to read:

12 7.4 Crossbows may be used as a means of take during any season that
13 permits the use of a bow and arrow by any person ~~who is 50 years or older or~~
14 ~~by a person~~ holding a permit issued under 10 V.S.A. § 4711.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.