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2 Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Carr of Brandon, Cheney
3 of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock,
4 Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester,
5 Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Goodwin of Weston,
6 Keenan of St. Albans City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of
7 Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCarthy of St. Albans City,
8 O'Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South
9 Burlington, and Waite-Simpson of Essex

10 Referred to Committee on

11 Date:

12 Subject: Recreation and sports; fish and wildlife; state lottery; fish and wildlife
13 license agents

14 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
15 process by which a person who is licensed as an agent to sell lottery tickets and
16 as an agent to issue fishing and hunting licenses may apply to the State
17 Gaming Commission to share the Internet connection provided to licensed
18 lottery agents.

19 An act relating to fish and wildlife license agents' use of Internet
20 connections provided by the state lottery

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

2 Sec. 1. 31 V.S.A. § 668 is added to read:

3 § 668. SALES AGENTS; INTERNET CONNECTIONS

4 (a) A sales agent licensed under this chapter may use the Internet
5 connection provided for a gaming system approved under this chapter to issue
6 fishing and hunting licenses under 10 V.S.A. § 4254 if the Commission
7 determines that:

8 (1) the sales agent licensed under this chapter is licensed currently under
9 10 V.S.A. chapter 105 to sell and distribute fishing and hunting licenses;

10 (2) the Internet connection provided to the sales agent licensed under
11 this chapter has capacity that can be shared;

12 (3) the Internet connection provided to the sales agent licensed under
13 this chapter is compatible with the separate terminal provided by the
14 Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue fishing and hunting licenses; and

15 (4) use of the Internet connection to issue fishing and hunting licenses
16 will not interrupt the closed loop system required for operation of a gaming
17 system authorized under this chapter.

18 (b) The Commission shall establish a procedure by which a sales agent may
19 apply for the use of an Internet connection to issue fishing and hunting licenses
20 under 10 V.S.A. § 4254.

1 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4254(f) is amended to read:

2 (f)(1) All persons or businesses who wish to serve as agents shall apply on
3 forms provided by the ~~department~~ Department. All applicants who become
4 agents, except town clerks or other municipal or state employees who sell
5 licenses as part of their official duties, shall pay an agency origination fee of
6 \$100.00 upon establishment of the agency. Except for the fee collected under
7 subdivision (e)(9) of this section, all license fees collected by an agent are the
8 property of the ~~state~~ State of Vermont and shall be promptly paid to the ~~state~~
9 State following the procedures established under subdivision (e)(6) of this
10 section.

11 (2) A person licensed to sell and distribute fishing and hunting licenses
12 under this section may apply to the State Lottery Commission under 31 V.S.A.
13 § 668 to share the Internet connection provided to licensed lottery agents for
14 the issuance of fishing and hunting licenses.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.