

1 S.295

2 Introduced by Senator MacDonald

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Transportation; highways

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that if  
7 the Agency of Transportation repairs or replaces fences along fully controlled  
8 limited access facilities, it shall prioritize repairing or replacing fences adjacent  
9 to land used to pasture livestock.

10 An act relating to fencing along limited access facilities

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

12 Sec. 1. 19 V.S.A. § 1704a is added to read:

13 § 1704a. REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF FENCING; PRIORITY

14 (a) Unless otherwise specifically required by law:

15 (1) If the Agency repairs fences along a fully controlled limited access  
16 facility, it shall repair fences along land used to pasture livestock, until all such  
17 fences are repaired, prior to repairing fences along other land.

18 (2) If the Agency replaces fences in disrepair along a fully controlled  
19 limited access facility, it shall replace fences along land used to pasture

1 livestock, until all such fences are replaced, prior to replacing fences along  
2 other land.

3 (b) As used in this section, “livestock” includes cattle, horses, sheep, and  
4 any other pastured animal that may be designated by rule adopted by the  
5 Secretary of Transportation in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,  
6 Food and Markets.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.