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Introduced by Representative Brennan of Colchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; firearms; gun silencers

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the prohibition on the manufacture, sale, use, or possession of gun silencers. The bill would also prohibit a person from possessing a gun silencer while hunting.

An act relating to permitting the use of a gun silencer while hunting

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4010 is amended to read:

§ 4010. ~~GUN SILENCERS~~

~~A person who manufactures, sells, uses, or possesses with intent to sell or use an appliance known as or used for a gun silencer shall be fined \$25.00 for each offense. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the use or possession of gun silencers by:~~

~~(1) a certified, full-time law enforcement officer or department of fish and wildlife employee in connection with his or her duties and responsibilities and in accordance with the policies and procedures of that officer's or employee's agency or department; or~~

1           ~~(2) the Vermont National Guard in connection with its duties and~~  
2           ~~responsibilities.~~ [Repealed.]

3           Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4704 is amended to read:

4           § 4704. USE OF MACHINE GUNS AND AUTOLOADING RIFLES

5           A person engaged in hunting for wild animals shall not use, carry, or have  
6           in his or her possession a machine gun of any kind or description ~~or~~; an  
7           autoloading rifle with a magazine capacity of over six cartridges, except a .22  
8           caliber rifle using rim fire cartridges; or a gun silencer.

9           Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10          This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.