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Introduced by Representative Helm of Fair Haven

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; fishing tournaments; fees

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to charge fishing tournament organizers a one-time annual fee for all tournaments held in a given year and also requires organizers to report each tournament to the department of fish and wildlife.

An act relating to annual fishing tournament fees

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4613 is amended to read:

§ 4613. FISHING TOURNAMENTS

(a)(1) No person or organization shall hold a fishing tournament on the waters of the state without first obtaining a an annual permit from the department of fish and wildlife.

(2) Persons or organizations holding two or more fishing tournaments in a given year shall only obtain a permit for the first fishing tournament of the year.

1 (3) Subsequent tournaments held by a permit holder shall be reported to
2 the department of fish and wildlife no less than 30 days before the event.

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4 (d) The commissioner shall charge each person or organization that obtains
5 an annual permit a fee of \$50.00 ~~for each permit issued under this section~~ and
6 shall deposit the fee collected into the fish and wildlife fund.

7 (e) Within 30 days of each tournament, the permit holder shall report the
8 following information to the department:

9 (1) total number of tickets sold;

10 (2) number of anglers that registered catch;

11 (3) number of each fish species registered; and

12 (4) number of registered fish released alive.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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