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Introduced by Representatives Smith of New Haven and Clark of Vergennes

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Fish and wildlife; penalty for taking deer out of season; felony

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Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to increase the fines and prison

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sentence for taking deer out of season.

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An act relating to violations for taking deer out of season

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

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Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4518 is amended to read:

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§ 4518. BIG GAME VIOLATIONS

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(a) Whoever violates a provision of this part or orders or rules of the board

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relating to taking, possessing, transporting, buying, or selling of big game shall

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be fined not more than \$500.00 nor less than \$200.00 or imprisoned for not

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more than 60 days, or both. Upon a second and all subsequent convictions, the

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violator shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 nor less than \$500.00 or

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imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both.

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(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply to taking deer out of season,

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with the exception that upon a second and all subsequent convictions, the

1 violator shall be fined at least \$5,000.00 or imprisoned for a minimum of two
2 years or both.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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