

1 S.265

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fish and game; hunting; blaze orange attire

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the fish and wildlife  
7 board to adopt a rule requiring hunters to wear blaze orange attire. If the board  
8 adopts such a rule, the bill would require the board to do so in consultation  
9 with the commissioner of fish and wildlife, hunting organizations within the  
10 state, outdoor recreational groups, and other interested parties. If the board  
11 does adopt a rule requiring a holder of a hunting license to wear solid blaze  
12 orange attire while hunting, a person violating the rule would be fined not  
13 more than \$5.00 per violation, and no points would be assessed against the  
14 person.

15 An act relating to authorizing the fish and wildlife board to adopt a rule  
16 requiring hunters to wear blaze orange attire

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

1       Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4716 is added to read:

2       § 4716. BLAZE ORANGE HUNTING ATTIRE

3           (a) The board may adopt rules, under chapter 25 of Title 3, to require the  
4       holder of a hunting license issued under section 4254 of this title to wear solid  
5       blaze orange attire while hunting. If the board adopts a rule requiring a holder  
6       of a hunting license to wear blaze orange attire while hunting, the rule shall  
7       specify the type and amount of blaze orange attire that shall be worn and  
8       whether the attire shall be visible from all sides of the holder of the hunting  
9       license. If the board adopts a rule under this section, it may exempt certain  
10       hunting activities licensed under section 4254 of this title from the requirement  
11       to wear blaze orange attire.

12           (b) In developing a rule under subsection (a) of this section, the board shall  
13       consult with the commissioner of fish and wildlife, hunting organizations  
14       within the state, outdoor recreational groups, and other interested parties.

15           (c) If the board does adopt a rule under this section requiring a holder of a  
16       hunting license to wear solid blaze orange attire while hunting, the violation  
17       shall be deemed to be a minor fish and game violation under section 4572 of  
18       this title. A person violating the rule shall be fined not more than \$5.00 per  
19       violation and, notwithstanding subsection 4502(b) of this title, no points shall  
20       be assessed against the person.

- 1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2       This act shall take effect upon passage.