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**LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2015**

Bill Number: H. 122 Name of Bill: Possession and sale of shark fins

Agency/Dept: DPS/VSP Author of Bill Lt Brian Miller  
Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Bill Review: 02.06.15 Related Bills and Key Players: \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Bill: (check one)

X Upon Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ As passed by 1<sup>st</sup> body \_\_\_\_\_ As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose X Remain Neutral \_\_\_\_\_ Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

**Analysis of Bill**

1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses. *It will be a crime to possess, sell or distribute shark fins.*
2. Is there a need for this bill? *No*
3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department? *None*
4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? *None*
5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? *(for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc) None*
6. Other Stakeholders:
  - 6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why? *Environmentalists*
  - 6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? *Those who sell or possess shark fins*
7. Rationale for recommendation: *There does not appear to be a need for this bill since Vermont does not have any oceans. If Fish and Wildlife believes there is a need for this bill then VSP will support it.*
9. Gubernatorial appointments to board or commission? *None*

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document



Date: **03/11/15**

