

CONFIDENTIAL
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)

Upon Introduction As passed by 1st body As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

Support Oppose 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?** *Environmentalist*
 - 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**

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