

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 880 entitled “An act relating to Abenaki place names
4 on State park signs” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 2613 is added to read:

8 § 2613. ABENAKI PLACE NAMES IN STATE PARKS

9 (a) The Commissioner, before installing new signs or replacing existing
10 signs in a State park, shall consult with the Vermont Commission on Native
11 American Affairs to determine if there is an Abenaki name for any site within
12 the park. If the Commission on Native American Affairs advises the
13 Commissioner of an Abenaki name, the Abenaki name shall be displayed with
14 the English name.

15 (b) On or before July 1, 2025, all existing signs in State parks with Abenaki
16 names shall be replaced to include the Abenaki name.

17 (c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for
18 selecting spelling of the place name if there are multiple spellings provided by
19 the Commission on Native American Affairs.

1 Sec. 2. LIST OF PLACES WITH ABENAKI NAMES

2 On or before January 15, 2021, the Vermont Commission on Native
3 American Affairs shall prepare a list of places and landmarks with Abenaki
4 names. The list shall state if there are multiple names or spelling variations for
5 a place. The Commission shall present the list to the Commissioner of Forests,
6 Parks and Recreation in order to facilitate the construction of signs as required
7 under 10 V.S.A. § 2613. The Commission shall also determine if there are
8 sites outside of State parks with Abenaki names that require new signs.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE