

House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife

Vermont Federation of Sportsman's Clubs

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Testimony on H.411 ([v4.1](#))

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My name is Chris Bradley, and I am the President and Executive Director of the Vermont Federation of Sportsman's Clubs (VTFSC).

For whatever it may be worth to the Committee: The VTFSC was ready and willing to fully support version **3.1** of H.411, however with the release of version **4.1** we can no longer support this bill.

Our primary concern with the new language is how this bill addresses nuisance animals such as crows and coyotes.

If a farmer, in order to protect his livelihood, acts to dispatch a crow or a coyote, he will have intentionally and knowingly done so. If he/she then fails to make a reasonable effort to retrieve the coyote or crow and then process them into food; process them for its fur, bones, hide or feathers; or use them for taxidermy: They will apparently be in violation – and that is unacceptable to us.

Again: Had the Committee settled on version 3.1, the VTFSC would have supported it.