

1 S.145

2 Introduced by Senator Champion

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; regulatory powers; open carrying of firearms

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a
7 town, city, or incorporated village to regulate the open carrying of firearms,
8 provided that the regulation shall not affect hunting, fishing, or trapping or
9 otherwise regulate the possession of firearms in public places.

10 An act relating to permitting municipalities to regulate open carrying of
11 firearms

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

13 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2295 is amended to read:

14 § 2295. AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
15 TO REGULATE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, HUNTING,
16 FISHING, AND TRAPPING

17 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no town, city, or incorporated
18 village, by ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, shall directly regulate
19 hunting, fishing, and trapping or the possession, ownership, transportation,
20 transfer, sale, purchase, carrying, licensing, or registration of traps, firearms,

1 ammunition, or components of firearms or ammunition. This section shall not
2 limit the powers conferred upon a town, city, or incorporated village under
3 subdivision 2291(8) of this title. The provisions of this section shall supersede
4 any inconsistent provisions of a municipal charter.

5 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a town, city, or
6 incorporated village may regulate the open carrying of firearms in public
7 places, provided that the regulation:

8 (1) shall not be construed to regulate hunting, fishing, or trapping; and

9 (2) shall not otherwise regulate possession of firearms in public places.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.