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Introduced by Representative Waite-Simpson of Essex

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; weapons; firearms; possession by violent felons

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a person convicted of a violent felony from possessing a firearm.

An act relating to prohibiting violent felons from possessing firearms

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4020 is added to read:

§ 4020. VIOLENT FELONS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING

FIREARMS

(a) A person shall not possess a firearm if the person has been convicted of a violent felony.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to a person who is exempt from federal firearms restrictions under 18 U.S.C. § 925(c).

1 (d) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Firearm" means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, which
3 will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive and includes any weapon
4 commonly referred to as a pistol, revolver, rifle, gun, machine gun, or shotgun.

5 (2) "Violent felony" means a listed crime as defined in subdivision
6 5301(7) of this title or an offense involving sexual exploitation of children in
7 violation of chapter 64 of this title.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.