Bill as Introduced

HB 1167 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1167***

AN ACT exempting certain dog trainers from the requirement of possessing a hunting license.

SPONSORS: Rep. O'Neil, Rock 22; Rep. Bridle, Rock 22

COMMITTEE: Wildlife and Marine Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any person shall be issued a training permit for hunting dogs upon application and payment of a $5 fee.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

AN ACT exempting certain dog trainers from the requirement of possessing a hunting license.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Hunting Dogs; Issuance of Training Permits. Amend RSA 207:12-a, I to read as follows:

I. Any person [~~who is licensed to hunt within the state~~] may be issued a training permit for the training of bird dogs and trail or tree hounds during the closed season on any wildlife, except deer, moose, caribou, elk, lynx, cougar, bobcat, and turkey, upon application and the payment of a fee of $5. The executive director shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the period for the training of bear dogs. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, field trials shall be permitted pursuant to RSA 207:13.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1167

BILL TITLE: Exempting certain dog trainers from the requirement of possessing a hunting license.

DATE: January 6, 2000

LOB ROOM: 307 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. R. Nowe, MacNeil, L'Heureux, Lessard, Carlson, Chandler, Phinney, Rose, Brewster, Brothers, Fletcher, Woodward, Abbott, Rogers, Martin, McKinney, Blaisdell, Chase, P. Gagnon, Gorman, N. Johnson and Rosenfield.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. O'Neil, Rock 22; Rep. Bridle, Rock 22

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Mike O'Neil - Co-sponsor. Problem will be solved by the Fish and Game Department so asks that bill be reported out – ITL

Ronald Alie, NH Fish and Game Department - Opposing the bill, but through rules will solve sponsor's problem.

* **Peter S. Stanley, NH Wildlife Federation** - Opposes the bill. Written testimony attached.

* **William Carney, Sunset Mountain Fish and Game** - Did not speak. Written testimony attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy McKinney

Rep. Betsy McKinney
Clerk

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Rep. O'Neil sponsor - problem will be solved by The F+G. Department so asks that bill be reported out ITL

Col. Alie, NHF+GD - ~~the~~ against bill but Thru rules will solve ~~the~~ sponsor's problem.

Peter Stanley, N.H. Wildlife Federation - opposed - ATTACHED
May, June + July ~~prime~~ mating species would be affected as dogs do not honor ~~which species~~ they are hunting and would break up [illegible]

10:30

Testimony

New Hampshire Wildlife Federation

Affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation

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January 6, 2000

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Wildlife and Marine Resources Committee,

My name is Peter Stanley. I am here today to speak on behalf of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation, which is a conservation organization based here in Concord, representing approximately 7,000 members, with 50 affiliated clubs and outdoor organizations. Our membership is comprised of hunters, hikers, trappers, boaters, anglers, and many others sharing a keen interest in the outdoors.

We are primarily an advocacy and educational organization, representing our membership before the State Legislature and other State Agencies. We sponsor a variety of educational initiatives, and publish a bimonthly newspaper, in order to keep our membership informed.

I live in New London, NH, and I am an unpaid member of the board of directors of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

We are ***OPPOSED*** to House Bill 1167 for the following reason

Webster,s Collegiate Dictionary defines hunting as, "the pursuit of game", without the distinction of a kill.

The fact that a particular group of people pursues game under the auspices of "training of bird dogs", does not diminish the reality that they are, in fact, hunting. Hunting the same wildlife resources that all other licensed hunters pursue, and in the same habitat areas, in many cases. Since Fish and Game depends upon license fees to fund the management of these species, their habitat, and related law enforcement matters, exempting this group from licensing would be unfair to all other hunters. Catch and release anglers, after all, are not exempt from licensing, simply because they don't keep or kill their quarry.

Also, the fact that training evolutions don't result in an immediate kill, does not mean there is no affect on the species being hunted. May, June and early July training may result in the premature break-up of young broods of grouse and woodcock, exposing solitary young to higher predation risk and diminished feeding opportunities, resulting in higher mortality rates than would otherwise be experienced. This could be of particular concern in areas of intense training.

In conclusion, the Federation believes that the proposed bill is not in the best interest of the wildlife resources of the state.

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Thank you for this opportunity to address the Committee, and we sincerely hope that you will find HB1167 ***INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE*** .

Peter S. Stanley

SUNSET MOUNTAIN FISH & GAME CLUB
P.O. BOX 202
CANTERBURY, N.H. 03224

Carney

HOUSE BILL # 1167

Member's of the Committee, my name is William F. Carney and I reside in the town of Bow. I am here today representing Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club. Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club is a 400 plus member sportsman's organization with clubhouse and facilities located in the Town of Canterbury.

The members of Sunset Mountain Fish & Game Club are opposed to House Bill #1167 and respectfully request that that the Wildlife and Marine Resources Committee vote this bill INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

When a field dog is being trained, they are taught to hunt or pursue game animals or game birds in this training. Species that are both protected and propagated by the Fish and Game Department. Webster defines hunting as pursing for food or sport and the act of pursing being to overtake, capture, kill or defeat. Hunting dog training, is hunting for game species, it doesn't matter if the dog is under the control of the trainer they are hunting.

The Fish & Game Department spends considerable money each year for the propagation and protection of all wildlife also for wildlife habitat and wildlife habitat development. The dog trainer takes advantage of these expenditures when a dog is being trained and they should be required to support this expense with the purchase of a hunting license.

Special rules or regulations can be made under the rule making process for people who want to purchase birds and train dogs on their own land.

I thank the committee for allowing me to testify on this bill.

Respectfully;
William F. Carney
Legislative Agent

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1167

BILL TITLE: **Exempting certain dog trainers from the requirement of possessing a hunting license.**

DATE: January 11, 2000

LOB ROOM: 307

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Abbott

Seconded by Rep. McNeil

Vote: 12-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 13-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Betsy McKinney, Clerk

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Seconded by Rep. McNeil

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.) 12 - ~~3~~ 1

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT ~~CALENDAR~~ VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report 13-0

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Rep. Betsy McKinney, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2000 SESSION

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES

Bill #: 1167 **Title:** dog trainers / bosses. hunt. lic.

PH Date: 1/6/00 **Exec Session Date:** 1/11/00

Motion: ITL **Amendment #:**

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Nowe, Ronald J, Chairman	✓	
MacNeil, Allen K, V Chairman	✓	
L'Heureux, Robert J	✓	
Lessard, Rudy	A	
Carlson, Donald	✓	
McKinney, Betsy, Clerk	✓	
Chandler, Gene G	A	
Phinney, William R		✓
Rose, William B	✓	
Brewster, Richard P	✓	
Brothers, Richard S		
Fletcher, Richard E	✓	
Woodward, David S	A	
Abbott, Dennis F	✓	
Rogers, Rose Marie	✓	
Martin, Mary Ellen		
Blaisdell, Michael J	✓	
Chase, George W	✓	
Gagnon, Paul E	A	
Gorman, Mary J		
Johnson, Nancy K		
Rosenfield, Jay	A	
	12	1

TOTAL VOTE:
Printed: 12/30/1999

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Wildlife and Marine Resources**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 1167**

TITLE: exempting certain dog trainers from the requirement of possessing a hunting license.

DATE: January 13, 2000 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

It was agreed, by the sponsors and the Fish and Game Department, that the intent of this bill regarding the training of hunting dogs could and is being met by rulesmaking pursuant to RSA 541-A. Therefore, the Committee and the sponsors request that the bill be made Inexpedient To Legislate.

Vote 13-0.

Rep. Dennis F. Abbott
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Wildlife and Marine Resources

HB 1167, exempting certain dog trainers from the requirement of possessing a hunting license. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Dennis F. Abbott for **Wildlife and Marine Resources:** It was agreed, by the sponsors and the Fish and Game Department, that the intent of this bill regarding the training of hunting dogs could and is being met by rulesmaking pursuant to RSA 541-A. Therefore, the Committee and the sponsors request that the bill be made Inexpedient To Legislate. Vote 13-0.

State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

REP DENNIS F. ABBOTT FOR THE COMMITTEE
MAJORITY REPORT FOR HB 1167

IT WAS AGREED, BY THE SPONSORS AND THE FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT, THAT THE INTENT OF THIS BILL REGARDING THE TRAINING OF HUNTING DOGS COULD AND IS BEING MET BY RULESMAKING PURSUANT TO RSA 541-A. THEREFORE THE COMMITTEE AND THE SPONSORS REQUEST THAT THE BILL BE MADE INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. VOTE 12-1

Rep Dennis F. Abbott