

Testimony on S.13
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The Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs is in complete support of S.13, and we urge its passage with all due speed.

As originally written, 13 VSA §4021 (Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices / LCAFD) made no provision for the fact that a LCAFD is in fact real property, and, like all other real property, it can be conveyed by transfer to another person.

In point of fact, the VTFSC is not aware of any other real item of property that cannot be conveyed from one immediate family member to another. Further, given the existing wording of 13 VSA §4021, we would argue that the "loan" of a piece of property from one person to another is not technically a "transfer", such that it appears perfectly legal for Person A to loan one or more LCAFDs to Person B, as long as there is an understanding between the two parties that the interaction is a "loan" and not a change of ownership.

In its current form, S.13 is quite limited in that a lawfully owned LCAFD can ONLY be transferred to an immediate family member, with an immediate family member being clearly specified in 13 VSA 4019(A).

In summary, the VTFSC fully believes that it was never the intent of the LCAFD bill to create a fully unique and stand-alone class of property, property that in and of itself poses no risk to anyone, property that cannot be transferred to an immediate family member who likely currently has full access to it, due to the fact that a LCAFD can be loaned for what appears to be an unlimited and indefinite period of time. The VTFSC supports S.13, and we respectfully ask the Senate Judiciary Committee to do likewise.