

H.40

An act relating to nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 3251 is amended to read:

§ 3251. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) A “sexual act” means conduct between persons consisting of contact between the penis and the vulva, the penis and the anus, the mouth and the penis, the mouth and the vulva, or any intrusion, however slight, by any part of a person’s body or any object into the genital or anal opening of another.

(2) “Sexual conduct” means any conduct or behavior relating to sexual activities of the complaining witness, including ~~but not limited to~~ prior experience of sexual acts, use of contraceptives, living arrangement, and mode of living.

(3) “Consent” means the affirmative, unambiguous, and voluntary agreement to engage in a sexual act, which can be revoked at any time.

* * *

Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 3260 is added to read:

§ 3260. NONCONSENSUAL REMOVAL OR TAMPERING WITH A
CONDOM

(a) No person shall engage in a sexual act with another person when consent to the sexual act is made with the explicit understanding that a condom would be used and intentionally and without consent remove or tamper with the condom prior to or during the sexual act in a manner likely to render it ineffective for its common purpose.

(b) A person harmed by a violation of subsection (a) of this section may bring an action in the Civil Division of the Superior Court for compensatory damages, punitive damages, and reasonable costs and attorney's fees.

(c) An action under subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to the statute of limitations in 12 V.S.A. § 511.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.