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2 Introduced by Representative Donahue of Northfield

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public safety; use of electronic control devices

6 Statement of purpose: This bill prohibits a law enforcement officer from
7 carrying or using an electronic control device, commonly known as a Taser,
8 until the officer has completed the Vermont criminal justice training council's
9 "Act 80" training for interacting with people experiencing a mental health
10 crisis.

11 An act relating to prohibiting use of Tasers by law enforcement officers
12 who have not completed training for interacting with people experiencing a
13 mental health crisis

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

15 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2366 is added to read:

16 § 2366. TRAINING FOR INTERACTING WITH PERSONS

17 EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS; USE OF

18 ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES

19 (a) A law enforcement officer shall not carry or use an electronic control
20 device unless the officer has completed the training provided by the Vermont
21 criminal justice training council for interacting with people experiencing a

1 mental health crisis pursuant to Sec. 57 of No. 80 of the Acts of the 2003 Adj.
2 Sess. (2004).

3 (b) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Electronic control device" means any mechanism or weapon which
5 emits an electronic impulse, current, or charge capable of immobilizing a
6 person temporarily.

7 (2) "Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff,
8 constable, police officer, state's attorney, capitol police officer, state game
9 warden, state police officer, or a certified law enforcement officer of the
10 department of motor vehicles, the agency of natural resources, or the
11 department of liquor control.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.