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8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Human services; department of disabilities, aging, and independent  
11 living; adult protective services

12 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the secretary of human  
13 services to adopt rules governing the implementation of the statutory  
14 responsibilities of the department of disabilities, aging, and independent living,  
15 division of licensing and protection, with respect to adult protective services.

16 An act relating to adult protective services

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

18 Sec. 1. ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES; RULEMAKING

19 The secretary of human services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 25 of  
20 Title 3 governing the implementation of the statutory responsibilities of the

1 department of disabilities, aging, and independent living, division of licensing  
2 and protection, with respect to adult protective services. The rules shall  
3 include:

4 (1) standards for the timeliness of investigations;

5 (2) criteria for screening reports and complaints;

6 (3) criteria for substantiating complaints;

7 (4) a process for investigating reports and complaints, including  
8 guidance on the roles of the victim and the reporter during the investigation  
9 process;

10 (5) guidelines for coordinating and cooperating with law enforcement;

11 (6) criteria for when and how the division will provide protective  
12 services in accordance with a written treatment plan;

13 (7) guidelines for investigating cases of self-neglect;

14 (8) a process for closing an investigation; and

15 (9) an appeals process that gives the victim and the reporter the right to  
16 participate in the appeal.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on passage.