

**Act No. 96 (S.27). Government operations; Vermont Statutes Annotated**

**An act relating to respectful language in the Vermont Statutes Annotated**

This act changes terminology used in the Vermont Statutes Annotated to refer more respectfully to persons with disabilities and other groups. For example, terms such as “mentally retarded” and “mental illness” were replaced by “intellectual disability” and “mental condition” or “psychiatric disability”, respectively. The act specifies that changes in terminology shall not be construed to alter the substance or effect of existing law or judicial precedent.

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