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2 Introduced by Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Cole of Burlington,  
3 Consejo of Sheldon, Devereux of Mount Holly, Evans of Essex,  
4 Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Martin of Wolcott,  
5 Townsend of Randolph, and Townsend of South Burlington

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Legislature; Legislative Council; statutory revision

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to make revisions to the Vermont  
10 Statutes Annotated and to the Office of Legislative Council's statutory revision  
11 authority.

12 An act relating to statutory revision

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

14 Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 145 is added to read:

15 § 145. INCLUDE, INCLUDES, AND INCLUDING

16 The terms "include," "includes," and "including" mean that the language  
17 following the term is illustrative and not exhaustive, and shall have the same  
18 meaning as though the term were followed by the words "but not limited to."

1 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 424 is amended to read:

2 § 424. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; REVISION AUTHORITY

3 In preparing an individual act for codification in the Vermont Statutes  
4 Annotated or publication in the Acts and Resolves, the ~~legislative council~~  
5 Legislative Council may not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of any act of  
6 the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly, but it may:

7 (1) renumber and rearrange sections or parts of sections;

8 (2) transfer sections or divide sections so as to give separate section  
9 numbers to distinct subject matters, but without changing the meaning;

10 (3) insert or change the wording of headnotes;

11 (4) change reference numbers to agree with renumbered chapters or  
12 sections;

13 (5) substitute the proper section or chapter number for the terms “this  
14 act,” “the preceding ~~section~~” section,” and similar terms;

15 (6) strike out figures where they are merely a repetition of written words  
16 and vice versa;

17 (7) change capitalization, effect gender neutrality, and make other  
18 grammatical corrections for the purpose of conformity with the style of the  
19 Vermont Statutes Annotated;

20 (8) correct manifest typographical and grammatical errors;

1           (9) make any changes in any of the forms provided as guides which may  
2 be necessitated by changes in the substantive law; ~~and~~

3           (10) correct the names of agencies, departments, and similar units of  
4 state government; and

5           (11) make any other purely formal or clerical changes in keeping with  
6 the purposes of revision.

7 Sec. 3. 2 V.S.A. § 425 is amended to read:

8 § 425. STATUTORY DATABASES

9           The ~~legislative council~~ Legislative Council shall maintain ~~official~~  
10 computerized databases of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. The databases  
11 shall include the enactment history of a codified statutory section, but shall not  
12 maintain the revisor's notes, the judicial annotations added by the publisher, or  
13 the ~~acts and resolves~~ Acts and Resolves. The ~~legislative council~~ Legislative  
14 Council shall post these databases, ~~along with a seal of authenticity, on the~~  
15 ~~worldwide web site of the Vermont general assembly~~ on the website of the  
16 Vermont General Assembly.

17 Sec. 4. STATUTORY REVISION

18           The Legislative Council, in its statutory revision capacity, is authorized to  
19 make such amendments to the Vermont Statutes Annotated as are necessary to  
20 reflect the provisions of Sec. 1 of this act (adding 1 V.S.A. § 145), including  
21 amending uniform laws and interstate compacts to the extent allowed under the

1 terms of such laws and compacts. Such changes may also be made when new  
2 legislation is proposed or when there is a republication of a volume of the  
3 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

4 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.