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Introduced by Representatives Haas of Rochester, Lenex of Shelburne, and

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Waite-Simpson of Essex

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Corrections; serious functional impairment

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Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the

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definition of "serious functional impairment" to specify that the designation

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only applies to persons residing within a correctional facility.

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An act relating to the definition of serious functional impairment

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

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Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 906 is amended to read:

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§ 906. DEFINITIONS

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As used in this subchapter:

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(1) "Serious functional impairment" means the designation used only for

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a person residing in a correctional facility who has:

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(A) a disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, or memory

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as diagnosed by a qualified mental health professional, ~~which~~ that substantially

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impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to meet the

1 ordinary demands of life and ~~which~~ that substantially impairs the ability to
2 function within the correctional setting; or

3 (B) a developmental disability, traumatic brain injury or other
4 organic brain disorder, or various forms of dementia or other neurological
5 disorders, as diagnosed by a qualified mental health professional, ~~which~~ that
6 substantially impairs the ability to function in the correctional setting.

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8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.