



STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Ann Pugh, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
FROM: Ken Schatz, AHS General Counsel *KS*
DATE: January 10, 2014
SUBJECT: H.373

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H. 373. We appreciate the effort the Committee and Jen Carbee of the Legislative Council has put into this bill. We believe it will be very helpful to make technical corrections, reorganize and update Title 33. We also appreciate that the intent of this bill is to make housekeeping changes and not substantive or policy changes.

Over the summer and fall, Agency of Human Services staff reviewed the bill and we have a few additional suggestions for technical changes, consistent with the approach that this bill is limited to housekeeping, not substantive changes.

Here is the list of additional technical corrections for your consideration:

- Amend 33 VSA § 1103(c)(5) to delete the phrase "increased from \$1,000.00 to" so that the second sentence shall read as follows: "The asset limitation shall be \$2,000.00 for..."
- Delete Sec. 27; 33 V.S.A. § 1108 amended by Act 50 (2013)
- Amend 33 VSA § 1203(2), (3) to replace "food stamps" with "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits"
- Amend 33 VSA § 1211 to replace "food stamps" with "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits"
- Amend 15 VSA section 653(5)(B) to replace "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" with "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families." The reference to "Food Stamps" should be changed to "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program."

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Cc: Jen Carbee, Esq. Legislative Council