

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 287 entitled “An act relating to involuntary treatment and medication”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 proposal of amendment of the Committee on Judiciary be amended in Sec. 4,
6 18 V.S.A. § 7624(b), by striking out subdivision (2) in its entirety and inserting
7 in lieu thereof a new subdivision (2) to read as follows:

8 (2) The Court may consolidate an application for involuntary treatment
9 and a petition for involuntary medication upon motion of a party or upon its
10 own motion if there is good cause to believe that consolidation will serve the
11 best interests of the patient. If the proceedings are consolidated, the Court
12 shall rule on the application for involuntary treatment before ruling on the
13 petition for involuntary medication.

14 and that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator [surname]

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FOR THE COMMITTEE