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2	Introduced by Representatives Gonzalez of Winooski, Morris of Bennington,
3	Buxton of Tunbridge, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown
4	Springs, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Dakin of
5	Colchester, Dame of Essex, Evans of Essex, Fields of
6	Bennington, Grad of Moretown, Krowinski of Burlington,
7	Lenes of Shelburne, Nuovo of Middlebury, Patt of Worcester,
8	Pearson of Burlington, Sibilia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury,
9	Stuart of Brattleboro, and Zagar of Barnard
10	Referred to Committee on
11	Date:
12	Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; sexual assault; definitions; consent
13	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
14	definition of consent for purposes of sexual assault.
15	An act relating to the definition of consent
16	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
17	Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 3251 is amended to read:
18	§ 3251. DEFINITIONS
19	As used in this chapter:

BILL AS INTRODUCED 2016

1	(1) A "sexual act" means conduct between persons consisting of contact
2	between the penis and the vulva, the penis and the anus, the mouth and the
3	penis, the mouth and the vulva, or any intrusion, however slight, by any part of
4	a person's body or any object into the genital or anal opening of another.
5	(2) "Sexual conduct" means any conduct or behavior relating to sexual
6	activities of the complaining witness, including but not limited to prior
7	experience of sexual acts, use of contraceptives, living arrangement, and mode
8	of living.
9	(3) "Consent" means words or actions by a person <u>affirmatively</u>
10	indicating a voluntary agreement to engage in a sexual act. Lack of protest or
11	resistance shall not be deemed to indicate consent. Consent must be ongoing
12	throughout the sexual activity and can be withdrawn at any time.
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14	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
15	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.