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Introduced by Representative Sweaney of Windsor

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Legislature; Vermont Statutes Annotated; technical corrections

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make several technical corrections to the Vermont Statutes Annotated without substantively changing the law.

An act relating to technical corrections

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

\* \* \* Miscellaneous Technical Corrections \* \* \*

Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 213 is amended to read:

§ 213. PENDING SUITS UNAFFECTED

~~Acts of the general assembly, except acts regulating practice in court, relating to the competency of witnesses or to amendments of process or pleadings, shall not affect a suit begun or pending at the time of their passage.~~  
No act of the General Assembly shall affect a suit begun or pending at the time of its passage, except acts regulating practice in court, relating to the competency of witnesses, or relating to amendments of process or pleadings.

1 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 260(c) is amended to read:

2 (c) The principal office of each of the following boards and divisions shall  
3 be located in Montpelier: ~~Aeronautics Board, Division for Historic~~  
4 ~~Preservation, Board of Libraries, and Division of Recreation~~ Division for  
5 Historic Preservation and Board of Libraries.

6 Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 455 is amended to read:

7 § 455. DEFINITIONS

8 (a) ~~Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the~~  
9 ~~following words and phrases as used in this subchapter shall have the~~  
10 ~~following meanings:~~ As used in this subchapter:

11 \* \* \*

12 (b) ~~The masculine pronoun, wherever used, shall include the feminine~~  
13 ~~pronoun, and the feminine the masculine.~~ [Repealed]

14 Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. § 809a(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) ~~When~~ This section applies when an agency has issued a subpoena to  
16 compel a person to appear and testify or to produce documents or things, if the  
17 person:

18 (1) ~~Has~~ has failed to appear or has failed to produce the subpoenaed  
19 materials, in which case any party or the agency may bring a proceeding to  
20 enforce the subpoena.; or

1           (2) ~~Has~~ has appeared but has refused to take an oath or affirmation  
2 authorized by law, or has refused to testify or to answer a question, in which  
3 case any party or the agency may bring a proceeding to compel testimony by  
4 the person.

5           Sec. 5. 3 V.S.A. § 2805 is amended to read:

6           § 2805. ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT FUND

7           (a) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the  
8 Environmental Permit Fund. Within the Fund, there shall be two accounts: the  
9 Environmental Permit Account and the Air Pollution Control Account. Unless  
10 otherwise specified, fees collected in accordance with subsections 2822(i) and  
11 (j) of this title, and 10 V.S.A. § 2625 and gifts and appropriations shall be  
12 deposited in the Environmental Permit Account. Fees collected in accordance  
13 with subsections 2822(j)(1), (k), ~~(l)~~, and (m) of this title shall be deposited in  
14 the Air Pollution Control Account. The Environmental Permit Fund shall be  
15 used to implement the programs specified under section 2822 of this title. The  
16 Secretary of Natural Resources shall be responsible for the Fund and shall  
17 account for the revenues and expenditures of the Agency of Natural Resources.  
18 The Environmental Permit Fund shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A.  
19 chapter 7, subchapter 5. The Environmental Permit Fund shall be used to  
20 cover a portion of the costs of administering the Environmental Division

1 established under 4 V.S.A. chapter 27. The amount of \$143,000.00 per fiscal  
2 year shall be disbursed for this purpose.

3 (b) Any fee required to be collected under subdivision 2822(j)(1) of this  
4 title shall be utilized solely to cover all reasonable (direct or indirect) costs  
5 required to support the operating permit program authorized under 10 V.S.A.  
6 chapter 23. Any fee required to be collected under subsection 2822(k), ~~(l)~~, or  
7 (m) of this title for air pollution control permits or registrations or motor  
8 vehicle registrations shall be utilized solely to cover all reasonable (direct or  
9 indirect) costs required to support the programs authorized under 10 V.S.A.  
10 chapter 23. Fees collected pursuant to subsections 2822(k), ~~(l)~~, and (m) of this  
11 title shall be used by the Secretary to fund activities related to the Secretary's  
12 hazardous or toxic contaminant monitoring programs and motor  
13 vehicle-related programs.

14 Sec. 6. 3 V.S.A. § 2822(i) is amended to read:

15 ~~(i) The Secretary shall not process an application for which the applicable~~  
16 ~~fee has not been paid unless the Secretary specifies that the fee may be paid at~~  
17 ~~a different time or unless the person applying for the permit is exempt from the~~  
18 ~~permit fee requirements pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 710. Municipalities shall be~~  
19 ~~exempt from the payment of fees under this section except for those fees~~  
20 ~~prescribed in subdivisions (j)(1), (7), (8), (14), and (15) of this section for~~  
21 ~~which a municipality may recover its costs by charging a user fee to those who~~

1 ~~use the permitted services. Municipalities shall be subject to the payment of~~  
2 ~~fees prescribed in subdivisions (j)(2), (10), (11), (12), and (26), except that a~~  
3 ~~municipality shall also be exempt from those fees for stormwater systems~~  
4 ~~prescribed in subdivisions (j)(2)(A)(iii) and (2)(B)(iv)(I) or (II) of this section~~  
5 ~~for which a municipality has assumed full legal responsibility for the permit~~  
6 ~~pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1264.~~

7 (i) The Secretary shall not process an application for which the applicable  
8 fee has not been paid unless the Secretary specifies that the fee may be paid at  
9 a different time or unless the person applying for the permit is exempt from the  
10 permit fee requirements pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 710. Municipalities shall be  
11 exempt from the payment of fees under this section except for those fees  
12 prescribed in subdivisions (j)(1), (7), (8), (14), and (15) of this section for  
13 which a municipality may recover its costs by charging a user fee to those who  
14 use the permitted services. Municipalities shall pay fees prescribed in  
15 subdivisions (j)(2), (10), (11), (12), and (26), except that a municipality shall  
16 also be exempt from those fees for stormwater systems prescribed in  
17 subdivision (j)(2)(A)(iii)(I), (II), or (IV) and (j)(2)(B)(iv)(I), (II), or (V) of this  
18 section for which a municipality has assumed full legal responsibility under  
19 10 V.S.A. § 1264.

1 Sec. 7. 3 V.S.A. § 2873(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) The Department of Environmental Conservation is created within the  
3 Agency of Natural Resources. The Department is the successor to and  
4 continuation of the Department of Water Resources and Environmental  
5 Engineering, and shall administer the Water Resources Programs contained in  
6 Title 10; air pollution control and abatement as provided in 10 V.S.A. chapter  
7 23; waste disposal as provided in 10 V.S.A. chapter 159; ~~and subdivision and~~  
8 ~~trailer and tent sites as provided in subsection (c) of this section.~~

9 Sec. 8. 3 V.S.A. § 3085c(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) The Commission on Juvenile Justice shall have the following duties:

11 \* \* \*

12 (7) To cooperate with appropriate federal agencies in maximizing the  
13 receipt of funds in support of programs relating to juvenile justice, particularly  
14 those involving persons charged as youthful offenders under 33 V.S.A.  
15 § ~~5505~~ 5281.

16 \* \* \*

17 Sec. 9. 8 V.S.A. § 2232a(e) is amended to read:

18 (e) Each licensed lender or holder shall upon repayment of the loan in full,  
19 promptly mark indelibly every obligation and security signed by the borrower  
20 with the word “Paid” or “Canceled,” and within 30 days release any mortgage,  
21 restore any pledge, cancel and return any note, record or file any necessary

1 release or discharge, cancel and return any assignment given to the licensee by  
2 the borrower, and refund to the borrower, in accordance with ~~regulations~~  
3 ~~promulgated~~ rules adopted by the Commissioner any unearned portion of the  
4 premium for credit life or disability insurance if a premium for such insurance  
5 was disbursed on behalf of the borrower at the time the loan was originally  
6 made. The provisions of this subsection shall not affect the right of action  
7 created by ~~section 464 of Title 27~~ 27 V.S.A. § 464.

8 Sec. 10. 8 V.S.A. § 2550 is amended to read:

9 § 2550. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

10 All administrative proceedings under this chapter shall be conducted in  
11 accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 of Title 3 and any ~~regulations~~  
12 ~~promulgated~~ rules adopted by the Department on hearing procedure.

13 Sec. 11. 8 V.S.A. § 2758(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The Commissioner may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license,  
15 place a licensee in receivership, impose injunctive orders, or order that a  
16 licensee cease and desist in any specified conduct if the Commissioner finds  
17 that:

18 \* \* \*

19 (2) the licensee has violated any provision of this chapter, or any rule or  
20 ~~regulation~~ lawfully ~~made~~ adopted by the Commissioner under and within the  
21 authority of this chapter;

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Sec. 12. 8 V.S.A. § 2760b(j) is amended to read:

(j) No licensee shall execute any contract or agreement to be signed by the debtor unless the contract or agreement is fully completed, and the duration of any such contract shall be in conformance with any limitations specified pursuant to ~~regulations of~~ rules adopted by the Commissioner.

Sec. 13. 8 V.S.A. § 4062e is amended to read:

§ 4062e. COMPLIANCE WITH MEDICAID RECOVERY PROVISIONS

A health insurer as defined in 33 V.S.A. § ~~1904~~ 1900 that issues, sells, renews, or offers health insurance coverage in Vermont or who is required to be licensed or registered with the Department shall comply with the requirements of 33 V.S.A. §§ 1907, 1908, 1909, and 1910. The Commissioner shall enforce such requirements pursuant to his or her authority under this title.

Sec. 14. 8 V.S.A. § 4088b(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) Any rules adopted under this section shall be restricted to approved cancer clinical trials conducted under the auspices of the following cancer care providers (“cancer care providers”): ~~Vermont Cancer Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care~~ The University of Vermont Medical Center, the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and approved clinical trials administered by a hospital and its affiliated, qualified cancer care providers.



1 Sec. 15. 8 V.S.A. § 4088d is amended to read:

2 § 4088d. COVERAGE FOR COVERED SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
3 NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

4 (a) A health insurance plan shall provide coverage for medically necessary  
5 health care services covered by the plan when provided by a naturopathic  
6 physician licensed in this State for treatment within the scope of practice  
7 described in 26 V.S.A. chapter 81 and shall recognize naturopathic physicians  
8 who practice primary care to be primary care physicians. Health care services  
9 provided by naturopathic physicians may be subject to reasonable deductibles,  
10 co-payment and co-insurance amounts, and fee or benefit limits consistent with  
11 those applicable to other primary care physicians under the plan, as well as  
12 practice parameters, cost-effectiveness and clinical efficacy standards, and  
13 utilization review consistent with any applicable ~~regulations~~ rules published by  
14 the Department of Financial Regulation. Any amounts, limits, standards, and  
15 review shall not function to direct treatment in a manner unfairly  
16 discriminative against naturopathic care, and collectively shall be no more  
17 restrictive than those applicable under the same policy to care or services  
18 provided by other primary care physicians, but may allow for the management  
19 of the benefit consistent with variations in practice patterns and treatment  
20 modalities among different types of health care providers. A health insurance  
21 plan may require that the naturopathic physician's services be provided by a

1 licensed naturopathic physician under contract with the insurer or shall be  
2 covered in a manner consistent with out-of-network provider reimbursement  
3 practices for primary care physicians; however, this shall not relieve a health  
4 insurance plan from compliance with the applicable ~~Rule H-2009-03~~ network  
5 adequacy requirements adopted by the Commissioner by rule. Nothing  
6 contained herein shall be construed as impeding or preventing either the  
7 provision or the coverage of health care services by licensed naturopathic  
8 physicians, within the lawful scope of naturopathic practice, in hospital  
9 facilities on a staff or employee basis.

10 (b) As used in this section, “health insurance plan” means Medicaid,~~the~~  
11 ~~Vermont Health Access Plan~~, and any other public health care assistance  
12 program, any individual or group health insurance policy, any hospital or  
13 medical service corporation or health maintenance organization subscriber  
14 contract, or any other health benefit plan offered, issued, or renewed for any  
15 person in this State by a health insurer, as defined by 18 V.S.A. § 9402. The  
16 term shall not include benefit plans providing coverage for specific disease or  
17 other limited benefit coverage.

18 Sec. 16. 8 V.S.A. § 4088f(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) As used in this section:

20 (1) “Health insurance plan” means any health insurance policy or health  
21 benefit plan offered by a health insurer, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9402, as well

1 as Medicaid, ~~the Vermont health access plan~~, and any other public health care  
2 assistance program offered or administered by the State or by any subdivision  
3 or instrumentality of the State. The term shall not include policies or plans  
4 providing coverage for a specific disease or other limited benefit coverage.

5 \* \* \*

6 Sec. 17. 8 V.S.A. § 4158(8) is amended to read:

7 (8) The benefits for which the Association may become liable shall in  
8 no event exceed the lesser of:

9 (A) ~~The~~ the contractual obligations for which the insurer is liable or  
10 would have been liable if it were not an impaired or insolvent insurer; or

11 (B)(i) ~~With~~ with respect to any one life, regardless of the number of  
12 policies or contracts:

13 \* \* \*

14 (ii) ~~With~~ with respect to each individual participating in a  
15 governmental retirement plan established under Section 401, 403(b), or 457 of  
16 the U.S. Internal Revenue Code covered by an unallocated annuity contract or  
17 the beneficiaries of each such individual if deceased, in the aggregate,  
18 \$250,000.00 in present value annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and  
19 net cash withdrawal values; ~~provided, however, that in no event shall the~~  
20 ~~Association be liable to expend more than \$300,000.00 in the aggregate with~~  
21 ~~respect to any one individual under subdivisions (B)(i)(I), (B)(i)(II)(aa) and~~

1 ~~(bb), and (B)(ii) of this subdivision (8); and provided further, however, that in~~  
2 ~~no event shall the Association be liable to expend more than \$500,000.00 in~~  
3 ~~the aggregate with respect to any one individual under subdivision~~  
4 ~~(B)(i)(II)(cc) of this subdivision (8); or~~

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6 (v) ~~Provided~~ provided, however, that in no event shall the  
7 Association be liable to expend more than \$300,000.00 in the aggregate with  
8 respect to any one individual under subdivisions (B)(i)(I), (B)(i)(II)(aa) and  
9 (bb), (B)(i)(III), ~~and (B)(ii), and (B)(iii)~~ of this subdivision (8); and provided  
10 further, however, that in no event shall the Association be liable to expend  
11 more than \$500,000.00 in the aggregate with respect to any one individual  
12 under subdivision (B)(i)(II)(cc) of this subdivision (8).

13 Sec. 18. 9 V.S.A. § 6002 is amended to read:

14 § 6002. VERMONT FINANCIAL LITERACY COMMISSION

15 \* \* \*

16 (b) The Commission shall be composed of the following members:

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18 (7) ~~a representative~~ one representative appointed by the Governor from  
19 a nonprofit entity that provides financial literacy and related services to  
20 persons with low income;





1 Sec. 22. 10 V.S.A. § 1423 is amended to read:

2 § 1423. WATER RESOURCES AND SHORELAND USE PLAN

3 (a) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary shall make studies, establish policies and make  
4 plans for the efficient use, conservation, development and protection of the  
5 ~~state's~~ State's water resources and:

6 (1) On the basis of these studies and plans, make recommendations to  
7 ~~the natural resources board and existing state~~ State agencies relative to their  
8 water resources activities;

9 (2) Locate and maintain information relating to the ~~state's~~ State's water  
10 resources; ~~and.~~ The Secretary shall collect pertinent data available from State,  
11 regional, and federal agencies, the University of Vermont, Vermont State  
12 Colleges, local units of government, and other sources.

13 ~~The secretary shall collect pertinent data available from state, regional~~  
14 ~~and federal agencies, the University of Vermont, Vermont state colleges, local~~  
15 ~~units of government and other sources;~~

16 (3) Public shorelands in which the existing use is exclusively as a public  
17 water supply and public shorelands in which the potential use may be as a  
18 public water supply shall be classified on that basis;

19 (4) Serve as a ~~clearing house~~ clearinghouse for information relating to  
20 water resources including referring citizens and local units of government to

1 the appropriate sources for advice and assistance in connection with particular  
2 water use problems.

3 (b) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary shall prepare a comprehensive plan relating to  
4 water resources as a guide for the preparation of a ~~state~~ State, regional, or  
5 municipal land use or development plan. The plan shall be based on the  
6 classification of waters pursuant to chapter 47 of this title. The plan shall to  
7 the extent possible give consideration to any existing regional or municipal  
8 plans which are compatible with the interests of the ~~state~~ State. The primary  
9 purpose of the plan shall be for the preventive control of pollution, giving due  
10 consideration to necessary development and growth. The plans shall be  
11 governed by the following general standards:

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. 23. 10 V.S.A. § 1671(8) is amended to read:

14 (8) "Required agricultural practices" shall be as defined by the Secretary  
15 of Agriculture, Food and Markets under ~~subsection 1021(f) of this title~~  
16 6 V.S.A. § 4810.

17 Sec. 24. 10 V.S.A. § 4132 is amended to read:

18 § 4132. GENERAL DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

19 \* \* \*

20 (b) The Commissioner may publish such bulletins as he or she deems  
21 advisable for information and instruction concerning the work of the



1 Department and shall keep an account of the business and proceedings of the  
2 Department. Any publication available to the general public which describes  
3 rules ~~and regulations~~ regarding boating and fishing shall include information  
4 about aquatic nuisances provided to the Commissioner ~~pursuant to subdivision~~  
5 ~~921(b)(7) of this title.~~

6 \* \* \*

7 (e) The Commissioner, subject to the direction and approval of the  
8 Secretary, shall adopt and publish ~~regulations~~ rules in the name of the Agency  
9 for reasonable fees or charges for the use of the lands, roads, buildings, other  
10 property, and the use of and tuition for the Green Mountain Conservation  
11 Camps, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603. Fees collected for the use of fish  
12 and wildlife lands and properties shall be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife  
13 Fund.

14 Sec. 25. 10 V.S.A. § 4252 is amended to read:

15 § 4252. ACTIVITIES PERMITTED UNDER LICENSES

16 (a) Subject to provisions of this part and ~~regulations~~ rules of the Board:

17 \* \* \*

18 (3) A ~~trappers'~~ trapping license shall entitle the holder to take animals  
19 other than fish with the use of traps.

20 \* \* \*



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2 (FF) ~~Appendix § 43. Method of taking (trapping)~~ [Repealed.]

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4 (3) Twenty points shall be assessed for:

5 \* \* \*

6 (C) ~~Chapter 105, subchapter 2. Eel fishing~~ [Repealed.]

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8 (H) ~~§ 4744(a) and (b). Bow and arrow deer season~~ [Repealed.]

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10 (R) ~~Appendix § 31(e), (d), (e), and (f). Seasons, bag limits for bear,~~  
11 caribou, elk, and moose

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13 Sec. 27. 10 V.S.A. § 4522(h) is amended to read:

14 (h) This section shall not apply to property seized as evidence of a violation  
15 of section ~~4304~~, 4513, 4606, or 4747 of this title.

16 Sec. 28. 10 V.S.A. § 6003 is amended to read:

17 § 6003. PENALTIES

18 A violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules ~~promulgated~~  
19 ~~hereunder~~ adopted under this chapter is punishable by a fine of not more than  
20 \$500.00 for each day of the violation or imprisonment for not more than two  
21 years, or both. A person who completely transfers ownership and control of

1 property that is the subject of a permit under this chapter shall not be liable for  
2 later violations of that permit by another person.

3 Sec. 29. 10 V.S.A. § 6093(a)(4)(B) is amended to read:

4 (B) In any application to a District Commission to amend a permit  
5 for an existing industrial park, the most efficient and full use of land shall be  
6 allowed consistent with all applicable criteria of subsection 6086(a) of this  
7 title. Industrial park expansions and industrial park infill shall not be subject to  
8 requirements established in subdivision 6086(a)(9)(B)(iii) ~~of this title, nor to~~  
9 ~~requirements established in subdivision~~ or 6086(a)(9)(C)(iii) of this title.

10 Sec. 30. 10 V.S.A. § 6237a is amended to read:

11 § 6237a. MOBILE HOME PARK CLOSURES

12 \* \* \*

13 (d) A park owner who gives notice of intent to sell pursuant to section 6242  
14 of this title shall not give notice of closure until after:

15 (1) ~~At~~ at least 45 days after giving notice of intent to sell; and

16 (2) ~~If~~ if applicable, the Commissioner receives notice from the mobile  
17 home owners and the park owner that negotiations have ended following the  
18 120-day negotiation period provided in subdivision 6242(c)(1) of this title.

19 Sec. 31. 10 V.S.A. § 6554 is amended to read:

20 § 6554. IMPACT STATEMENT



1 this process, the Secretary shall consult with manufacturers of commercial  
2 products and of packaging used with commercial products, retail sales  
3 enterprises, health and environmental advocates, waste management  
4 specialists, the general public, and State agencies. The goal of the process is to  
5 ensure that packaging used and products sold in the State are not an undue  
6 burden to the State's ability to manage its waste. The Secretary shall seek  
7 voluntary changes on the part of the industrial and commercial sector in both  
8 their practices and the products they sell, so as to serve the purposes of this  
9 section. In this process, the Secretary may obtain voluntary compliance  
10 schedules from the appropriate industry or commercial enterprise, and shall  
11 entertain recommendations for alternative approaches. The Secretary shall  
12 report at the beginning of each biennium to the House and Senate Committees  
13 on Natural Resources and Energy, with any recommendations or options for  
14 legislative consideration. At least 45 days prior to submitting its report, the  
15 Secretary shall post any recommendations within the report to its website for  
16 notice and comment.

17 \* \* \*

18 (2) With respect to the ~~above~~ items listed in subdivision (1) of this  
19 subsection, the Secretary shall consider the following:

20 \* \* \*

21 Sec. 34. 10 V.S.A. § 6608(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) Six months after ~~promulgation~~ adoption of the rules relating to  
2 hazardous waste it shall be unlawful for any person to generate, store,  
3 transport, treat, or dispose of hazardous wastes in this State without reporting  
4 such activity to the Secretary according to the procedures described in said  
5 rules.

6 Sec. 35. 10 V.S.A. § 6608a(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to interfere with the Secretary of  
8 Agriculture, Food and Markets' authority relating to insecticides, fungicides,  
9 and rodenticides under 6 V.S.A. chapter 81 and relating to pesticides under  
10 6 V.S.A. chapter 87 or shall prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and  
11 Markets from ~~promulgating~~ adopting rules ~~and regulations~~ concerning the  
12 management of waste economic poisons which are more stringent than the  
13 statutory and regulatory requirements under Subtitle C of the Resource  
14 Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976. Nothing in this section is intended to  
15 interfere with the Agency of Transportation's authority under section 6607 of  
16 this title.

17 Sec. 36. 10 V.S.A. § 6608b(c) is amended to read:

18 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to interfere with the authority of the  
19 Commissioner of Health relating to general powers under 18 V.S.A. chapter 3,  
20 relating to appointing health officers for unorganized towns or gores under  
21 18 V.S.A. chapter 11, and relating to radiation control under 18 V.S.A.

1 chapter 32, nor shall prohibit the Secretary of Human Services from  
2 ~~promulgating~~ adopting rules, ~~and regulations~~ concerning the management of  
3 radioactive wastes mixed with hazardous wastes ~~which~~ that are more stringent  
4 than the statutory and regulatory requirements under Subtitle C of the Resource  
5 Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976. Nothing in this section is intended to  
6 interfere with the Agency of Transportation's authority under section 6607 of  
7 this chapter.

8 Sec. 37. 10 V.S.A. § 6610a is amended to read:

9 § 6610a. ENFORCEMENT

10 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Secretary, upon  
11 receipt of information that the storage, transportation, treatment, or disposal of  
12 any solid or hazardous waste as defined herein may present a hazard to the  
13 health of persons or to the environment, or may be in violation of any  
14 provision of this chapter, the rules ~~promulgated~~ adopted thereunder, or the  
15 terms or conditions of any order or certification issued under this chapter, may  
16 take such action as the Secretary determines to be necessary. The action the  
17 Secretary may take includes, ~~but is not limited to:~~

18 \* \* \*

19 Sec. 38. 10 V.S.A. § 6612 is amended to read:

20 § 6612. PENALTIES



1 (a) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, the rules  
2 ~~promulgated herein~~ adopted under this chapter, or the terms or conditions of  
3 any order of certification granted by the Secretary, shall be subject to a  
4 criminal penalty not to exceed \$25,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than  
5 six months, or both.

6 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter relating to solid  
7 or hazardous waste management, the ~~regulations promulgated thereunder~~ rules  
8 adopted under this chapter, or the terms or conditions of any order relating to  
9 solid or hazardous waste management or terms and conditions of any solid or  
10 hazardous waste facility certification, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to  
11 exceed \$10,000.00.

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. 39. 10 V.S.A. § 6615(g)(1) is amended to read:

14 (g)(1) A secured lender or a fiduciary, as the term fiduciary is defined in  
15 14 V.S.A. § 204(2), shall not, absent other circumstances resulting in liability  
16 under this section, be liable as either an owner or operator under this section  
17 merely because of any one or any combination of more than one of the  
18 following:

19 \* \* \*

20 (E) requiring, through financial documents or otherwise, the  
21 management of hazardous materials at a facility in compliance with the

1 requirements of this chapter and the ~~regulations promulgated~~ rules adopted  
2 thereunder;

3 \* \* \*

4 Sec. 40. 10 V.S.A. § 8221(c) is amended to read:

5 (c)(1) In any civil action brought pursuant to this section in which a  
6 temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction is sought, relief shall be  
7 obtained upon a showing that there is the probability of success on the merits  
8 and that:

9 ~~(1)(A)~~ a violation exists; or

10 ~~(2)(B)~~ a violation is imminent and substantial harm is likely to result.

11 (2) In such an action, the Secretary or Board need not demonstrate  
12 immediate and irreparable injury, loss or damage.

13 Sec. 41. 11 V.S.A. § 1623 is amended to read:

14 § 1623. REGISTRATION BY CORPORATIONS AND LIMITED  
15 LIABILITY COMPANIES

16 (a) A corporation or limited liability company doing business in this State  
17 under any name other than that of the corporation or limited liability company  
18 shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter; and shall file returns sworn  
19 to by some officer or ~~member~~ director of such corporation or by some ~~member~~  
20 director or manager of such limited liability company, setting forth the name  
21 other than the corporate or limited liability company name under which such

1 business is carried on, the name of the town wherein such business is to be  
2 carried on, a brief description of the kind of business transacted under such  
3 name, and the corporate or the limited liability company name and location of  
4 the principal office of such corporation or limited liability company.

5 \* \* \*

6 Sec. 42. 11 V.S.A. § 4003(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) An operating agreement may not:

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9 (8) vary the requirement to wind up a limited liability company's  
10 business as specified in section ~~4102~~ 4101 of this title;

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. 43. 11 V.S.A. § 4141 is amended to read:

13 § 4141. DEFINITIONS

14 In this subchapter:

15 \* \* \*

16 (3) "Conversion" means a transaction authorized by sections ~~by~~ 4142  
17 through 4147 of this title.

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19 (13) "Limited partnership" means a limited partnership created under  
20 chapter ~~4~~ 23 of this title, a predecessor law, or comparable law of another  
21 jurisdiction.

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(17) “Partnership” means a general partnership under chapter 9 22 of this title, a predecessor law, or comparable law of another jurisdiction.

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(21) “Protected agreement” means:

(A) a record evidencing indebtedness of an organization and any related agreement in effect ~~on the effective date set forth in section 4171 of this title~~ on July 1, 2016, or on the date the organization elects to become subject to this chapter, whichever is earlier;

(B) an agreement that is binding on an organization ~~on the effective date set forth in section 4171 of this title~~ on July 1, 2016, or on the date the organization elects to become subject to this chapter, whichever is earlier;

(C) the organizational documents of an organization in effect ~~on the effective date set forth in section 4171 of this title~~ on July 1, 2016, or on the date the organization elects to become subject to this chapter, whichever is earlier; or

(D) an agreement that is binding on any of the governors or interest holders of an organization ~~on the effective date set forth in section 4171 of this title~~ on July 1, 2016, or on the date the organization elects to become subject to this chapter, whichever is earlier.

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1 Sec. 44. 11 V.S.A. § 4142 is amended to read:

2 § 4142. CONVERSION AUTHORIZED

3 (a) By complying with sections ~~4142~~ 4143 through 4146 of this title, a  
4 domestic limited liability company may become a domestic organization that is  
5 a different type of organization.

6 (b) By complying with sections ~~4142~~ 4143 through 4146 of this title, a  
7 domestic partnership or limited partnership may become a domestic limited  
8 liability company.

9 (c) By complying with sections ~~4142~~ 4143 through 4146 of this title  
10 applicable to foreign organizations, a foreign organization that is not a foreign  
11 limited liability company may become a domestic limited liability company if  
12 the conversion is authorized by the law of the foreign organization's  
13 jurisdiction of formation.

14 (d) If a protected agreement contains a provision that applies to a merger of  
15 a domestic limited liability company but does not refer to a conversion, the  
16 provision applies to a conversion of the company as if the conversion were a  
17 merger until the provision is amended ~~after the effective date set forth in~~  
18 section 4171 of this title after July 1, 2016 or after the date the organization  
19 elects to become subject to this chapter, whichever is earlier.

20 \* \* \*

1 Sec. 45. 11 V.S.A. § 4149 is amended to read:

2 § 4149. ACTION ON PLAN OF MERGER BY CONSTITUENT LIMITED  
3 LIABILITY COMPANY

4 (a) Subject to section 4156 of this title, a plan of merger shall be approved  
5 in accordance with the organizational documents of the constituent limited  
6 liability company, or, in the absence of a provision governing approval of  
7 ~~conversions~~ a merger, by all the members of the limited liability company  
8 entitled to vote on or consent to any matter.

9 (b) Subject to section 4156 of this title and any contractual rights, after a  
10 merger is approved, and at any time before the articles of merger are delivered  
11 to the Secretary of State for filing under section 4150 of this title, a constituent  
12 limited liability company may amend the plan or abandon the merger:

13 (1) as provided in the plan; or

14 (2) except as otherwise prohibited in the plan, with the same consent as  
15 was required to approve the plan.

16 Sec. 46. 17 V.S.A. § 2680 is amended to read:

17 § 2680. AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM; GENERAL

18 (a) Application. Unless specifically required by statute, the provisions of  
19 the Australian ballot system shall not apply to the annual or special meeting of  
20 a municipality unless that municipality, at its annual meeting or at a special  
21 meeting called for that purpose, votes to have them apply.

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(e) Use. A municipality shall not use the Australian ballot system at the same election at which its voters decide that the system shall be used.

(f) Presiding officer. The presiding officer for any election or part of an election using the Australian ballot system shall be the town clerk or as otherwise provided in section 2452 of this title.

(g) Hearing. Whenever a municipality has voted to adopt the Australian ballot system of voting on any public question or budget, except the budget revote as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the legislative body shall hold a public informational hearing on the question by posting warnings at least 10 days in advance of the hearing in at least two public places within the municipality and in the town clerk's office. The hearing shall be held within the 10 days preceding the meeting at which the Australian ballot system is to be used. The hearing under this subsection may be held in conjunction with the meeting held under subsection 2640(c) of this title, in which case the moderator shall preside.

Sec. 47. 18 V.S.A. § 1754(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Commissioner shall develop a program or approve a program, or both, to train owners and managers of rental target housing and child care facilities and their employees to perform essential maintenance practices. The names and addresses of all persons who attend the approved training program

1 shall be maintained as a public record that the Commissioner shall provide to  
2 the ~~Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development~~  
3 Department of Housing and Community Development.

4 Sec. 48. 18 V.S.A. § 1758(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) If additional funds are appropriated to the Department in fiscal year  
6 1998, on or before October 1, 1997, the ~~Department of Economic, Housing and~~  
7 ~~Community Development~~ Department of Housing and Community  
8 Development shall establish and maintain a list of housing units ~~which~~ that (1)  
9 are lead free, or (2) have undergone lead hazard control measures and passed  
10 independent dust clearance tests. The registry shall be maintained as a public  
11 record.

12 Sec. 49. 18 V.S.A. § 1905 is amended to read:

13 § 1905. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

14 Upon receipt of an application for license and the license fee, the licensing  
15 agency shall issue a license when it determines that the applicant and hospital  
16 facilities meet the following minimum standards:

17 \* \* \*

18 (16) ~~After date of passage of this act, all~~ All new construction involving  
19 hospitals and related buildings on hospital premises shall comply with  
20 standards of the State Fire Marshal and State Board of Health, whether or not



1 federal aid under Title VI of the Public Health Service Act is received for such  
2 construction.

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4 Sec. 50. 18 V.S.A. § 4243 is amended to read:

5 § 4243. JUDICIAL FORFEITURE PROCEDURE

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7 (f) Filing of petition. ~~Except as provided in section 4243a of this title, the~~  
8 The State shall file a petition for forfeiture of any property seized under section  
9 4242 of this title promptly, but not more than 14 days from the date the  
10 preliminary order or process is issued. The petition shall be filed in the  
11 Superior Court of the county in which the property is located or in any court  
12 with jurisdiction over a criminal proceeding related to the property.

13 \* \* \*

14 Sec. 51. 18 V.S.A. § 8839(2) is amended to read:

15 (2) "Designated program" means a program designated by the  
16 Commissioner as adequate to provide in an individual manner appropriate  
17 custody, care, and habilitation to persons with intellectual disabilities receiving  
18 services under this subchapter. ~~Placement in the Brandon Training School~~  
19 ~~may only be accomplished through the procedures set forth in subchapter 1 of~~  
20 ~~chapter 206 of this title.~~

1 Sec. 52. 19 V.S.A. § 1 is amended to read:

2 § 1. DEFINITIONS

3 As used in this title:

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5 (13) “Management road” means a road not designated as a “State Forest  
6 highway” used for the long-term management of lands owned by or under the  
7 control of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Department of  
8 Fish and Wildlife, or the Department of Environmental Conservation to meet  
9 the responsibilities and purposes set forth in 10 V.S.A. chapter 83, 10 V.S.A.  
10 part 4, and ~~regulations promulgated~~ rules adopted under those statutes. The  
11 term “management road” includes associated easements and rights-of-way. A  
12 “management road” is not a “highway” or a “town highway” as defined in this  
13 title, is not a public road, and the public has no common law or statutory right  
14 of access or use of such a road. A “management road” may be open for  
15 temporary, seasonal uses by the public or may be closed temporarily or  
16 seasonally at the discretion of the Agency of Natural Resources, the  
17 Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Department of Fish and  
18 Wildlife, or the Department of Environmental Conservation. A “management  
19 road” may be closed permanently upon 30 days’ notice to the governing body  
20 of the municipality in which the road is located and any affected user groups.  
21 Designation of a road as a “management road” shall not diminish any deeded

1 rights-of-way or easements of private landowners on lands owned or controlled  
2 by the Agency of Natural Resources, the Department of Forests, Parks and  
3 Recreation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, or the Department of  
4 Environmental Conservation.

5 \* \* \*

6 (19) “State Forest highway” means a road used for the long-term  
7 management of lands owned by or under the control of the Department of  
8 Forests, Parks and Recreation to meet the responsibilities and purposes set  
9 forth in 10 V.S.A. § 2601 et seq. and ~~regulations promulgated~~ rules adopted  
10 under that statute. The term “State Forest highway” includes easements and  
11 rights-of-way. A “State Forest highway” is not a “highway” or a “town  
12 highway” as defined in this title, is not a public road, and the public has no  
13 common law or statutory right of access or use of such road. A “State Forest  
14 highway” may be open for temporary, seasonal uses by the public or may be  
15 closed temporarily or seasonally for any reason at the discretion of the Agency  
16 of Natural Resources or the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. A  
17 “State Forest highway” may be closed permanently upon 30 days’ notice to the  
18 governing body of the municipality in which the road is located and to any  
19 affected user groups. Designation of a road as a “State Forest highway” shall  
20 not diminish any deeded rights of way or easements of private landowners on

1 lands owned or controlled by the Agency of Natural Resources or the  
2 Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

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4 (24) "Traffic Committee" consists of the Secretary of Transportation or  
5 his or her designee, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or his or her  
6 designee, and the Commissioner of Public Safety or his or her designee and is  
7 responsible for establishing speed zones, parking and no parking areas,  
8 ~~regulations~~ rules for use of limited access highways, and other traffic control  
9 procedures.

10 \* \* \*

11 Sec. 53. 20 V.S.A. § 3901(14) is amended to read:

12 (14) "Fair" means any public or privately operated facility where  
13 animals are confined for the purpose of display ~~and/or~~ or sale, or both, or for  
14 viewing.

15 Sec. 54. 21 V.S.A. § 224 is amended to read:

16 § 224. RULES AND STANDARDS

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18 (c) Any standard ~~promulgated~~ adopted under this section shall prescribe the  
19 use of labels or other appropriate forms of warning as are necessary to inform  
20 employees of all safety or health hazards to which they are exposed, relevant  
21 symptoms and appropriate emergency treatment, and proper conditions and

1 precautions for safe use or exposure. Where appropriate, a rule shall prescribe  
2 suitable protective clothing, devices, or equipment which shall be provided by  
3 the employer, and control or technological procedures to be used in connection  
4 with the safety or health hazard; and shall provide for monitoring or measuring  
5 employee exposure at such locations and intervals and in such manner as may  
6 be necessary for the protection of employees.

7 (d) Where appropriate, a standard ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the Secretary of  
8 ~~human~~ Human Services may prescribe the type and frequency of medical  
9 examinations or other tests which shall be made available by an employer or at  
10 the expense of the employer, to employees exposed to health hazards in  
11 employment, in order to effectively determine whether the health of the  
12 employee is adversely affected by exposure to the hazard. In the event medical  
13 examinations are in the nature of research, as determined by the Secretary of  
14 Human Services, such examinations may be furnished at the expense of the  
15 State. The results of the examinations or tests shall be furnished only to the  
16 Secretary of Human Services, the Commissioner of Health, the Director of  
17 Occupational Health, the Commissioner of Labor, and at the request of the  
18 employee, to the employee's physician and the employee.

19 (e) The Commissioner or Secretary, in ~~promulgating~~ adopting standards  
20 dealing with toxic materials or harmful physical agents under this section, shall  
21 set the standard which most adequately assures, to the extent feasible, on the

1 basis of the best available evidence, that no employee will suffer material  
2 impairment of health or functional capacity even if such employee has regular  
3 exposure to the hazard dealt with by such standard for the period of his or her  
4 working life. Development of standards under this subsection shall be based  
5 upon research, demonstrations, experiments, and such other information as  
6 may be appropriate. In addition to the attainment of the highest degree of  
7 safety and health protection for the employee, other considerations shall be the  
8 latest available scientific data in the field, the feasibility of the standards, and  
9 experience gained under this and other safety and health laws. Whenever  
10 practicable, the standard ~~promulgated~~ adopted shall be expressed in terms of  
11 objective criteria and of the performance desired.

12 Sec. 55. 21 V.S.A. § 495b(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) Any employer who violates the provisions of subdivision ~~495(a)(8)~~  
14 495(a)(7) of this title shall be liable to any affected employee in the amount of  
15 the underpaid wages and an equal amount as liquidated damages, in addition to  
16 any other remedies available under this section.

17 Sec. 56. 24 V.S.A. § 1966(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) Support from the Agency of Human Services. The Agency of Human  
19 Services shall provide to the community justice centers the information,  
20 analysis, and technical support ~~which~~ that the community justice centers, in

1 collaboration with the Agency of Human Services, determine are necessary to  
2 further their policy of restorative justice.

3 Sec. 57. 24 V.S.A. § 3109 is amended to read:

4 § 3109. APPEALS FROM ORDERS

5 When a person is aggrieved by an order of a building inspector, that person,  
6 or the person's architect or builder may appeal to a board of arbitrators  
7 appointed as provided in section 3110 of this title, or to the Criminal Division  
8 of the Superior Court, at his or her election. The board of arbitrators or the  
9 Court shall have the power to annul, amend, modify, or affirm the order of the  
10 building inspector. The appeal shall be taken within five days after the receipt  
11 of the inspector's notice and order by the aggrieved party, or his or her  
12 architect or builder. In case of an election to appeal to a board of arbitrators, it  
13 shall be deemed perfected by a written notice of appeal left with the building  
14 inspector personally, or at his or her office. In case of an election to appeal to  
15 the Criminal Division of the Superior Court, the appeal shall be deemed  
16 perfected by the filing with the court of a complaint. The taking of the appeal  
17 shall operate as a stay.

18 Sec. 58. 24 V.S.A. § 4753a is amended to read:

19 § 4753a. AWARDS FROM REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS

20 (a) Pollution control. The General Assembly shall approve all categories of  
21 awards made from the special funds established by section 4753 of this title for

1 water pollution control facility construction, in order to assure that such awards  
2 conform with State policy on water quality and pollution abatement, and with  
3 the State policy that municipal entities shall receive first priority in the award  
4 of public monies for such construction, including monies returned to the  
5 revolving funds from previous awards. To facilitate this legislative oversight,  
6 the Secretary of Natural Resources shall annually no later than January 15  
7 report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate  
8 Committee on Institutions, and the House and Senate Committees on Natural  
9 Resources and Energy on all awards made from the relevant special funds  
10 during the prior and current fiscal years, and shall report on and seek  
11 legislative approval of all the types of projects for which awards are proposed  
12 to be made from the relevant special funds during the current or any  
13 subsequent fiscal year. Where feasible, the specific projects shall be listed.  
14 The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not  
15 apply to the report to be made under this subsection.

16 (b) ~~Water supply. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall no later than~~  
17 ~~January 15, 2000 recommend to the House Committee on Corrections and~~  
18 ~~Institutions, the Senate Committee on Institutions, and the House and Senate~~  
19 ~~Committees on Natural Resources and Energy a procedure for reporting to and~~  
20 ~~seeking the concurrence of the Legislature with regard to the special funds~~



1 ~~established by section 4753 of this title for water supply facility construction.~~

2 [Repealed.]

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4 Sec. 59. 24 V.S.A. § 4756(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The Bond Bank may make loans to a municipality for the preparation of  
6 final engineering plans and specifications subject to the following conditions  
7 and limitations:

8 \* \* \*

9 (2) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall have certified to the Bond  
10 Bank that the project:

11 \* \* \*

12 (C) is in conformance with applicable State and federal law and  
13 ~~regulations promulgated~~ rules adopted thereunder.

14 Sec. 60. 26 V.S.A. § 1311(3) is amended to read:

15 (3) "License" means license to practice medicine and surgery in the ~~state~~  
16 State as defined in subchapter 3 of this chapter. "Licensee" includes  
17 ~~individuals licensed under this chapter and chapter 7 of this title and registrants~~  
18 ~~and holders of certificates issued by the board~~ any individual licensed or  
19 certified by the Board.

1 Sec. 61. 26 V.S.A. § 3001(1) is amended to read:

2 (1) “Practice of psychology” means rendering or offering to render to  
3 individuals, groups, or organizations, for a consideration, any service involving  
4 the application of principles, methods, and procedures of understanding,  
5 predicting, and influencing behavior which are primarily drawn from the  
6 science of psychology. The science of psychology includes, ~~but is not~~  
7 ~~restricted to~~, assessment, diagnosis, prevention, and amelioration of adjustment  
8 problems and emotional and mental disorders of individuals and groups.

9 Sec. 62. 30 V.S.A. § 8005a(p) is amended to read:

10 (p) Existing hydroelectric plants. Notwithstanding any contrary  
11 requirement of this section, no later than January 15, 2013, the Board shall  
12 make a standard offer contract available to existing hydroelectric plants in  
13 accordance with this subsection.

14 (1) In this subsection:

15 (A) “Existing hydroelectric plant” means a hydroelectric plant of five  
16 MW plant capacity or less that is located in the State, that was in service as of  
17 January 1, 2009, that is a qualifying small power production facility under  
18 16 U.S.C. § 796(17)(C) and 18 C.F.R. part 292, and that does not have an  
19 agreement with the Board’s purchasing agent for the purchase of its power  
20 pursuant to subdivision 209(a)(8) of this title and ~~board~~ Board rules adopted  
21 under subdivision (8). The term includes hydroelectric plants that have never

1 had such an agreement and hydroelectric plants for which such an agreement  
2 has expired, provided that the expiration date is prior to December 31, 2015.

3 (B) "LIHI" means the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute  
4 of Portland, Maine.

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6 Sec. 63. 31 V.S.A. § 707(f) is amended to read:

7 (f) ~~Fee due state payment plans.~~ The Commissioner has discretion to  
8 authorize a tramway operator to enter a payment plan to pay some or all of the  
9 fee-due-state after November 1 upon a showing of financial need. The  
10 authorization and terms of any payment plan shall be in writing and set a date  
11 or dates for payment, provided that the total amount of the fee-due-state shall  
12 be paid no later than January 15. Failure to pay on November 1 or pursuant to  
13 an authorized plan may subject the operator to the penalties established in  
14 section 712 of this title.

15 Sec. 64. 31 V.S.A. § 712(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) Operating after an order to cease. Any person who operates a passenger  
17 tramway after being ordered to cease operations shall be fined not more than  
18 \$5,000.00 for each day of illegal operation.

19 Sec. 65. 32 V.S.A. § 401(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) In recording revenues of the General Fund as set forth in section 435 of  
21 this title, and revenues of the Transportation Fund as set forth in 19 V.S.A.

1       § ~~8-11~~, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall as of June 30 each  
2       year maintain ~~and apply~~ accounting records in accordance with Generally  
3       Accepted Accounting Principles that ~~insure~~ ensure consistency with each  
4       ~~proceeding~~ preceding fiscal year.

5       Sec. 66. 32 V.S.A. § 5920(f) is amended to read:

6           (f)(1) Subsection (c) of this section shall not apply to a partnership or  
7       limited liability company engaged solely in the business of operating one or  
8       more affordable housing projects in this State, provided such partnership or  
9       limited liability company shall notify its nonresident partners or nonresident  
10      members of their obligation under subchapter 6 of this chapter to file Vermont  
11      personal income tax returns and under subchapter 2 of this chapter to pay a tax  
12      on income earned from such investment; instruct each nonresident partner or  
13      nonresident member to pay such tax; and in addition to filing copies of all  
14      schedules K-1 with its partnership or limited liability company return shall file  
15      with the Commissioner segregated duplicate copies of all nonresident  
16      schedules K-1. In this subsection, “affordable housing project” means a rental  
17      residential development that is intended primarily to benefit low income  
18      Vermont residents throughout the period of the investment and that is subject  
19      to one or more of the following:

20           ~~(H)~~(A) A a housing subsidy covenant that has been granted to the  
21      Vermont Housing and Conservation Board;







1 Sec. 69. 33 V.S.A. § 6902(10) is amended to read:

2 (10) “Representative” means a court-appointed guardian, or an agent  
3 acting under an advance directive executed pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 231,  
4 unless otherwise specified in the terms of the ~~power of attorney~~ advance  
5 directive.

6 Sec. 70. 33 V.S.A. § 8003 is amended to read:

7 § 8003. PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

8 (a) Cash contributions. The Treasurer or designee shall not accept a  
9 contribution:

10 (1) unless it is in cash; or

11 (2) except in the case of a contribution under 26 U.S.C. § 529A(c)(1)(C)  
12 (relating to a change in a designated beneficiary or program), if such  
13 contribution to an ABLE account would result in aggregate contributions from  
14 all contributors to the ABLE account for the taxable year exceeding the  
15 amount in effect under ~~subsection 2503(b) of this title~~ 26 U.S.C. § 2503(b) for  
16 the calendar year in which the taxable year begins.

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18 \* \* \* Center for Crime Victim Services \* \* \*

19 Sec. 71. 3 V.S.A. § 18 is amended to read:

20 § 18. SPOUSE ABUSE PROGRAMS; ELIGIBILITY

21 (a) There is hereby created a Spouse Abuse Program.



1 (b) The Vermont Center for Crime ~~Victims~~<sup>2</sup> Victim Services, shall be  
2 authorized to award grants for the Spouse Abuse Program. Awards shall be  
3 made by the Center to spouse abuse programs established for the purpose of  
4 providing shelter, protection, or support for battered or abused spouses. The  
5 Center shall, insofar as possible, award grants to provide reasonable  
6 geographic distribution of funds around the State.

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. 72. 3 V.S.A. § 21 is amended to read:

9 § 21. SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS PROGRAM

10 (a) A Sexual Assault Victims Program is hereby established.

11 (b) The Vermont Center for Crime ~~Victims~~<sup>2</sup> Victim Services is authorized  
12 to award grants for ~~the a~~ a sexual assault victims program. Awards shall be  
13 made by the Center to ~~Sexual Assault Victims Program~~ a sexual assault  
14 victims program established for the purpose of providing emergency services,  
15 counseling, and support for victims of sexual assault. The Center shall, insofar  
16 as possible, award grants to provide reasonable geographic distribution of  
17 funds around the State.

18 \* \* \*

19 Sec. 73. 3 V.S.A. § 1101(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this chapter, “State employee” includes any  
21 elective or appointive officer or employee within the Legislative, Executive, or

1 Judicial Branch of State Government or any former such employee or officer.

2 The term includes, ~~without limitation~~:

3 \* \* \*

4 (9) staff employed by the ~~center for crime victims~~ Center for Crime  
5 Victim Services and ~~victims~~ victim advocates.

6 Sec. 74. 13 V.S.A. § 3256 is amended to read:

7 § 3256. TESTING FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

8 \* \* \*

9 (g) Upon request of the victim at any time after the commission of a crime  
10 involving a sexual act under subsection (b) of this section, the State shall  
11 provide any of the following services to the victim:

12 (1) counseling regarding human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);

13 (2) testing, which shall remain confidential unless otherwise provided  
14 by law, for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, including gonorrhea,  
15 herpes, chlamydia, and syphilis;

16 (3) counseling by a medically trained professional on the accuracy of the  
17 testing, and the risk of transmitting HIV and other sexually transmitted  
18 diseases to the victim as a result of the crime involving a sexual act; and

19 (4) prophylaxis treatment, crisis counseling, and support services.

20 (h) A victim who so requests shall receive monthly follow-up HIV testing  
21 for six months after the initial test.

1 (i) The State shall provide funding for HIV or AIDS, or both, and sexual  
2 assault cross-training between sexual assault programs and HIV and AIDS  
3 service organizations.

4 \* \* \*

5 (l) The Center for Crime ~~Victims~~ Victim Services shall be the primary  
6 coordinating agent for the services to be provided in subsections (g), (h), and  
7 (i) of this section.

8 Sec. 75. 13 V.S.A. § 5304(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The ~~center for crime victims services~~ Center for Crime Victim Services  
10 shall create and maintain a victims assistance program. Except as otherwise  
11 provided by law, victim advocates shall provide victims the following services:

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. 76. 13 V.S.A. § 5314(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) Information to all victims. After initial contact between a victim and a  
15 law enforcement agency responsible for investigating a crime, the agency shall  
16 promptly give in writing to the victim:

17 (1) an explanation of the victim's rights under this chapter and chapter  
18 167 of this title;

19 (2) information concerning the availability of:

20 (A) assistance to victims, including medical, housing, counseling,  
21 and emergency services;

1 (B) compensation for victims under chapter 167 of this title, and the  
2 name, street address, and telephone number of the ~~center for crime victims~~<sup>2</sup>  
3 ~~services~~ Center for Crime Victim Services;

4 (C) protection for the victim, including protective court orders; and

5 (D) access by the victim and the defendant to records related to the  
6 case which are public under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 3  
7 ~~of chapter 5 of Title 1~~ (access to public records).

8 Sec. 77. 13 V.S.A. § 5352 is amended to read:

9 § 5352. ~~VICTIMS~~ VICTIM'S COMPENSATION BOARD

10 (a) A ~~victims compensation board~~ Victim's Compensation Board is  
11 established for the purpose of awarding compensation to victims of crimes and  
12 to their dependents. The ~~board~~ Board shall consist of five members appointed  
13 by the ~~governor~~ Governor as follows: one physician licensed to practice in this  
14 ~~state~~ State, one attorney admitted to practice in this ~~state~~ State, one individual  
15 who is a crime victim, and two public members. Each member shall serve for  
16 a term of three years. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the  
17 original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

18 (b) The ~~board~~ Board shall function independently. In order to maximize  
19 eligibility for federal reimbursement, the ~~center for crime victims services~~  
20 Center for Crime Victim Services shall coordinate the ~~victims compensation~~  
21 ~~program~~ Victim's Compensation Program with other programs compensating

1 victims of crime, including offender restitution and counseling costs for  
2 victims of child sexual abuse.

3 \* \* \*

4 ~~Sec. 78. 13 V.S.A. § 5359 is amended to read:~~

5 § 5359. ~~VICTIMS'~~ VICTIM'S COMPENSATION SPECIAL FUND

6 (a) There is created a fund to be known as the ~~victims' compensation fund~~  
7 Victim's Compensation Fund. This ~~fund~~ Fund shall be administered by the  
8 ~~victims' compensation board~~ Victim's Compensation Board established by  
9 section 5352 of this title. The purpose of this ~~fund~~ Fund shall be to support the  
10 activities and the operating costs of the ~~victims' compensation board~~ Victim's  
11 Compensation Board and the ~~center for crime victims services~~ Center for  
12 Crime Victim Services.

13 (b) The ~~victims' compensation fund~~ Victim's Compensation Fund shall  
14 consist of:

15 (1) Fees imposed by the court clerk and designated for deposit into the  
16 ~~fund~~ Fund pursuant to section 7282 of this title.

17 (2) Restitution as ordered by the court pursuant to section 7043 of  
18 this title.

19 (3) Funds received from inmate labor contribution from the prison  
20 industries enhancement program or from any other source.

21 ~~(4) Appropriations by the general assembly~~ General Assembly

1 ~~(c) Balances in the fund Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried~~  
2 ~~forward and remain in the fund Fund.~~

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*(b) The ~~victims' compensation fund~~ Victim's Compensation Fund shall consist of:*

*(1) Fees imposed by the court clerk and designated for deposit into the ~~fund~~ Fund pursuant to section 7282 of this title.*

*(2) Restitution as ordered by the court pursuant to section 7043 of this title.*

*(3) Funds received from inmate labor contribution from the prison industries enhancement program or from any other source.*

*(4) Appropriations by the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly.*

*(c) Balances in the ~~fund~~ Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain in the ~~fund~~ Fund.*

1 Sec. 79. 13 V.S.A. § 5360 is amended to read:

2 § 5360. DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SPECIAL FUND

3 A Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund is established, to be  
4 managed in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 and  
5 administered by the Center for Crime ~~Victims~~ Victim Services created in  
6 section 5361 of this title. The revenues of the Fund shall consist of that portion  
7 of the additional surcharge on penalties and fines imposed by section 7282 of  
8 this title deposited in the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund and that  
9 portion of the town clerks' fee for issuing and recording civil marriage or civil  
10 union licenses in 32 V.S.A. § 1712(1) deposited in the Domestic and Sexual  
11 Violence Special Fund. The Fund may be expended by the Center for Crime  
12 ~~Victims~~ Victim Services for budgeted grants to the Vermont Network against  
13 Domestic and Sexual Violence and for the Criminal Justice Training Council  
14 position dedicated to domestic violence training, pursuant to 20 V.S.A.  
15 § 2365(c).

16 Sec. 80. 13 V.S.A. § 5361 is amended to read:

17 § 5361. CENTER FOR CRIME ~~VICTIMS~~ VICTIM SERVICES

18 (a) The ~~center for crime victims services~~ Center for Crime Victim Services  
19 is created and shall be responsible for the following:

1 (1) ~~Strengthen~~ strengthen and coordinate programs serving crime

2 victims;

3 (2) ~~Promote~~ promote the rights and needs of crime victims statewide;

4 (3) [Repealed.]

5 (4) ~~Assist~~ assist in the development and administration of other  
6 programs and services for crime victims and witnesses, as needed;

7 (5) ~~Administer~~ administer the federal Victims of Crime Act funds  
8 (VOCA); and

9 (6) ~~Serve~~ serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding victims  
10 of crime.

11 (b) The ~~center~~ Center shall be governed by and attached to the ~~victims'~~  
12 ~~compensation board~~ Victim's Compensation Board for administrative support.

13 (c) The ~~board~~ Board may employ such staff as necessary to carry out its  
14 responsibilities under this chapter and chapter 165 of this title.

15 Sec. 81. 15 V.S.A. § 1173(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) The Council shall consist of the following members to be appointed as  
17 follows:

18 \* \* \*

19 (3) The following members:

20 (A) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;



- 1           (B) the Director of the Vermont Crime Information Center  
2 or designee;
- 3           (C) the Defender General or designee;
- 4           (D) the Attorney General or designee;
- 5           (E) the Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Crime ~~Victims~~  
6 Victim Services or designee;
- 7           (F) the Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and  
8 Sexual Violence or designee;
- 9           (G) the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Training Council  
10 or designee;
- 11          (H) the Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women  
12 or designee;
- 13          (I) a representative from each county domestic violence task force;
- 14          (J) a representative from Vermont's Supervised Visitation Coalition;
- 15          (K) a representative from the Vermont Police Chiefs' Association;
- 16          (L) a representative from the Vermont Sheriffs' Association;
- 17          (M) a representative from the Vermont Coalition of Batterer  
18 Intervention Services;
- 19          (N) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;
- 20          (O) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;
- 21          (P) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee; and

1 (Q) the Secretary of Education or designee.

2 Sec. 82. 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c) is amended to read:

3 (c) The Vermont Police Academy shall employ a domestic violence trainer  
4 for the sole purpose of training Vermont law enforcement and related  
5 practitioners on issues related to domestic violence. Funding for this position  
6 shall be transferred by the Center for Crime ~~Victims~~ Victim Services from the  
7 Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund created by 13 V.S.A. § 5360.

8 Sec. 83. 32 V.S.A. § 3102 is amended to read:

9 § 3102. CONFIDENTIALITY OF TAX RECORDS

(a) No present or former officer, employee or agent of the Department of  
Taxes shall disclose any return or return information to any person who is not  
an officer, employee, or agent of the Department of Taxes except in  
accordance with the provisions of this section. A person who violates this  
section shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than  
one year, or both; and if the offender is an officer or employee of this ~~state~~  
~~State~~ State, he or she shall in addition be dismissed from office and be  
incapable of holding any public office for a period of five years thereafter.

10 \* \* \*

11 (e) The Commissioner may, in his or her discretion and subject to such  
12 conditions and requirements as he or she may provide, including any

1 confidentiality requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, disclose a return  
2 or return information:

3 \* \* \*

4 (13) To the Center for Crime ~~Victims~~ Victim Services for the purpose  
5 of determining or verifying a defendant's assets and income pursuant to  
6 13 V.S.A. § 7043.

7 \* \* \*

8 \* \* \* Director of the Office of Professional Regulation \* \* \*

9 Sec. 84. 26 V.S.A. § 3203 is amended to read:

10 § 3203. DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
11 REGULATION; DUTIES

12 (a) The Director of the Office of Professional Regulation shall:

13 (1) explain appeal procedures to licensed clinical social workers and  
14 applicants and complaint procedures to the public;

15 (2) administer fees collected under this chapter;

16 (3) provide general information to applicants for licensure as clinical  
17 social workers;

18 (4) receive applications for licensing, license applicants qualified under  
19 this chapter, or renew, revoke, reinstate, and condition licensing as ordered by  
20 an administrative law officer.

1 (b) The Director, with the advice of two licensed clinical social workers  
2 appointed under section 3204 of this title, may adopt rules necessary to enable  
3 the Director to perform his or her duties under subsection (a) of this section.

4 Sec. 85. 26 V.S.A. § 3207 is amended to read:

5 § 3207. EXAMINATION

6 (a) The Director of the Office of Professional Regulation shall conduct  
7 examinations under this chapter at least once a year at a time and place  
8 designated by it; provided, however, that examinations need not be conducted  
9 at times when there are no applicants requesting to be examined.  
10 Examinations shall be written. Each applicant shall be designated by a number  
11 so that his or her name is not disclosed to the Director until the examination  
12 has been graded. Examinations shall include questions in such theoretical and  
13 applied fields as the Director deems most suitable to test an applicant's  
14 knowledge and competence to engage in the practice of clinical social work.  
15 The Director of the Office of Professional Regulation, with the advice of the  
16 clinical social workers appointed under section 3204 of this title, shall establish  
17 by rule fixed criteria for passing an examination that shall apply to all persons  
18 taking the examination.

19 (b) Examinations administered by the Director and the procedures of  
20 administration shall be fair and reasonable and shall be designed and  
21 implemented to ensure that all applicants are granted a license if they

1 demonstrate that they possess the minimal occupational qualifications which  
2 are consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare. They shall not be  
3 designed or implemented for the purpose of limiting the number of licenses  
4 issued.

5 (c) The Director of the Office of Professional Regulation may contract with  
6 clinical social workers or with independent testing services for the preparation  
7 and administration of the ~~exam~~ examination.

8 Sec. 86. 26 V.S.A. § 4902 is amended to read:

9 § 4902. DEFINITIONS

10 As used in this chapter:

11 \* \* \*

12 (3) "Director" means the Director of the Office of Professional  
13 Regulation.

14 Sec. 87. REPEALS

15 The following shall be repealed on July 1, 2016:

16 (1) 1 V.S.A. § 120 (definition of "insane person").

17 (2) 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, subchapter 1A (definitions for subchapter on  
18 Health Care Ombudsman).

19 (3) 8 V.S.A. § 4080(4) (required policy provision for  
20 employer-sponsored insurance plan).

1           (4) 8 V.S.A. § 4099b.1 (application of repealed chapter on services for  
2 treatment of alcoholism).

3           (5) 10 V.S.A. § 5208 (rights of breeders).

4           (6) 24 V.S.A. § 4755(d) (requirement for report by the year 2003).

5   \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

6       Sec. 88. EFFECTIVE DATES

7           (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 18 (appointment of member from  
8 nonprofit entity to Vermont Financial Literacy Commission) shall apply  
9 retroactively to July 1, 2015.

10          (b) This section shall take effect on passage.

11          (c) The remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2016.