

1 H.414

2 Introduced by Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Cole of Burlington, Devereux  
3 of Mount Holly, Higley of Lowell, LaClair of Barre Town,  
4 Sweaney of Windsor, and Townsend of South Burlington

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Public safety; Department of Public Safety; State Police; Cold Case  
8 Unit

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create within  
10 the State Police a Cold Case Unit responsible for investigating unsolved crimes  
11 for which the statute of limitations has not yet expired.

12 An act relating to creating a Cold Case Unit

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

14 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1916 is added to read:

15 § 1916. COLD CASE UNIT

16 (a) There is created within the State Police a Cold Case Unit, which shall  
17 be exclusively responsible for investigating unsolved crimes for which the  
18 statute of limitations has not yet expired.

1        (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint the investigators of  
2        the Cold Case Unit. Such an investigator shall be a certified law enforcement  
3        officer.

4        Sec. 2. COLD CASE INVESTIGATOR POSITION REQUIREMENT

5        Any position designated as a Cold Case Investigator as described in  
6        20 V.S.A. § 1916(b) in Sec. 1 of this act shall be a new position created within  
7        the State Police and shall not be filled using an existing position within the  
8        Department of Public Safety.

9        Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

10       (a) Sec. 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

11       (b) This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on passage.