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**Re: H.575 – Town Service Officers**  
**House Human Services Committee**

### **13 V.S.A. § 3901. Vagrant defined**

A transient person, roving from place to place and living without visible means of support, who begs, or who rides or attempts to ride on a railroad freight train or engine without the consent of the person in charge thereof, or who enters or attempts to enter a dwelling house, barn or other building without the permission of the owners or occupants thereof, shall be deemed a vagrant. The act of applying to a town service officer for general assistance or to a police officer for lodging or subsistence shall not be evidence that such a person is a vagrant. (Amended 1967, No. 147, § 11, eff. Oct. 1, 1968.)

### **14 V.S.A. § 2306. Trustees; appointment over absent person's estate**

(a) In the case of an absent person, the probate division of the superior court shall appoint one or more trustees of the absent person's estate on application by petition, the appointment to take precedence and apply to all property belonging to such absent person wherever the same may be located.

(b) A petition to appoint one or more trustees of an absent person's estate shall be made by:

(1) One or more of his or her nearest relatives; or

(2) The executor or administrator aforesaid; or

(3) The town service officer of the town where the absent person had a last known domicile in the state, or in case he or she had no domicile in the state, then where his or her property or any portion thereof is located. (Amended 1967, No. 147, §§ 13, 53(b), eff. Oct. 1, 1968; 1985, No. 144 (Adj. Sess.), § 101; 2009, No. 154 (Adj. Sess.), § 238a, eff. Feb. 1, 2011.)