

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 9 entitled  
3 “An act relating to improving Vermont’s system for protecting children from  
4 abuse and neglect” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as  
6 recommended by the Committee on Appropriations and be further amended by  
7 inserting a new section 22 as follows:

8 Sec. 22. 13 V.S.A. § 1304 is amended to read:

9 § 1304. CRUELTY TO ~~CHILDREN UNDER 10 BY ONE OVER 16~~ A

10 CHILD

11 (a) No A person over the age of 16 18 years of age or older, having the custody,  
12 charge or care of a child under 10 years of age, who wilfully shall willfully assault,  
13 neglect, abandon, or expose the assaults, ill treats, neglects, or abandons or exposes  
14 such child or cause causes or procures such the child to be assaulted, ill treated,  
15 neglected, abandoned or exposed; in a manner to cause such the child unnecessary  
16 suffering, or to endanger his or her health if the person would have been able to  
17 prevent the unnecessary suffering or endangerment of the child’s health without risk  
18 of bodily injury, death, or sexual assault to the person, child, or household member.

19 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be imprisoned not  
20 more than two years or fined not more than \$500.00, or both.

21 (c) If the child suffers death or serious bodily injury as defined in 13 V.S.A.  
22 § 1021(2), or is subjected to sexual conduct as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 2821(2), the

1 person shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$1,000.00,  
2 or both.  
3 and by renumbering the remaining sections of the bill to be numerically  
4 correct.

5 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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7 Representative \_\_\_\_\_

8 FOR THE COMMITTEE