H.320 -- 2015 Technical Corrections Bill - Roadmap

PUBLIC RECORDS

- 1. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a): Executive sessions -- Corrects an ungrammatical sentence creating an exemption from public inspection and copying of minutes of an executive session.
- 2. 1 V.S.A. § 317(c): Exempt public records --
 - (11): Strikes language describing which types of educational institutions qualify for an exemption for student records. This language is unnecessary and confusing, because the Public Records Act already separately defines "public agency" at 1 V.S.A. § 317(a). This change does not affect any requirements under FERPA. This section also amends the citation to FERPA to conform to V.S.A. style.
 - (20): Corrects an incorrect cross-reference in a Public Records Act exemption for information that would reveal the location of an archeological site or underwater historic property. Additional grammatical correction.
 - (22): Repeals a Public Records Act exemption for records related to Agency of Commerce and Community Development's administration of the new jobs tax credit and manufacturer's tax credit programs. These programs were repealed in 2006.
 - (30): Clarifies a Public Records Act exemption for State-controlled databases and application code by providing examples and using language more understandable to the average reader. Additional capitalization and punctuation corrections.
 - (36): Strikes a specific reference to the Department of Financial Regulation because, under the relevant statute, the Department of Labor also receives anti-fraud plans in the case of workers' comp insurers. Striking the specific reference to DFR clarifies that anti-fraud plans in the custody of any public agency are exempt from public inspection and copying.
 - (38): Cleans up the language of an exemption related to data that could be used to identify a prescriber of pharmaceuticals, to (1) eliminate a specific reference to the Agency of Human Services so that the exemption may extend to other public agencies that receive the data; and (2) to correct and eliminate irrelevant cross-references.
 - (40): Clarifies that a Public Records Act exemption for records of genealogy provided in support of an application for tribal recognition extends to genealogy records in the application itself.
- 3. Effect of repeal (1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(22)): Explains that, despite the repeal of a Public Records Act exemption for records related to tax credit programs repealed in 2006, records related to these tax programs still in the custody of a public agency shall remain exempt from public inspection and copying following repeal of the exemption.
- 4. 8 V.S.A. § 4089a: Mental health care services review -- Deletes references to independent panels of mental health professionals that formerly reviewed mental health care coverage decisions, in order to reflect a change in the law that the independent reviews are now carried out by independent review organizations. Also updates language to conform to V.S.A. style.

- 5. Effect of amendment (8 V.S.A. § 4089a): Explains that, despite the deletion of language referring to information in the custody of an independent panel of mental health professionals--which panels no longer exist-- if such information is still in the custody of a public agency, it shall remain exempt from public inspection and copying.
- 6. 8 V.S.A. § 7041(e): Supervision of insurers -- Clarifies that records of a hearing to determine if an insurer should be subject to supervision are exempt from public inspection and copying, and adds the "short titles" of the Open Meeting Law and the Public Records Act. Additional punctuation correction.
- 7. 9 V.S.A. § 4100b: Transportation Board -- Clarifies that settlement communications--whether oral or written-- made during a prehearing conference before the Transportation Board in a motor vehicle franchisee-franchisor dispute are confidential and exempt from public inspection and copying.
- 8. 17 V.S.A. § 2154(b): Elections -- Amends the language of a Public Records Act exemption for certain voter checklist information to conform to V.S.A. style. Additional capitalization correction.
- 9. 18 V.S.A. § 5083: Birth records -- Clarifies that records of the actual address of a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program who requests that his or her true address not appear on a birth certificate are exempt from public inspection *and copying* not just exempt from public inspection. Additional capitalization corrections.
- 10. 18 V.S.A. § 5112(c): Birth records -- Amends the language of a Public Records Act exemption for records relating to the issuance of a new birth certificate in connection with a change of sex in order to conform to V.S.A. style. Additional technical correction to reflect reorganization of judiciary; additional capitalization corrections.
- 11. 18 V.S.A. § 5132(c): Marriage records -- Clarifies that records of the actual address of a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program who requests that his or her true address not appear on a marriage license are exempt from public inspection *and copying* not just exempt from public inspection. Additional capitalization correction.
- 12. 21 V.S.A. § 516: Employment practices -- For the sake of clarity, moves language prohibiting a medical review officer from revealing the identity of an employee subject to a drug test to a more appropriate subsection of a law that generally addresses the confidentiality of employee health and drug test-related information.
- 13. 26 V.S.A.§ 1317(c): Medical practice, unprofessional conduct -- This law requires certain health care institutions to report disciplinary actions against licensees of medicine or surgery to the Board of Medical Practice. In 2011, this provision was amended to require a copy of a report to be sent to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living in the case of disciplinary action taken against a licensee based on the provision of mental health services. The technical change in this section updates the confidentiality provision of subsection (c) to reference DAIL as a recipient of such reports. Additionally clarifies term "Department" to clearly reference Department of Health.
- 14. 26 V.S.A. § 1368(a): Board of Medical Practice -- For the sake of clarity, in a section that establishes a "data repository" in the Department of Health comprised of information

- concerning licensees of medicine or surgery, adds a reference to information required to be reported under 26 V.S.A. chapter 23.
- 15. 33 V.S.A. § 5205: Delinquency proceedings -- Corrects an ungrammatical sentence related to a provision that limits the persons entitled to inspect fingerprint records of a child under the jurisdiction of the Family Division in a delinquency proceeding.
- 16. 33 V.S.A. § 5287(d): Delinquency proceedings -- Replaces a reference to the "District Court" with a reference to the Criminal Division to reflect the reorganization of the Judiciary.

EDUCATION; EDUCATION QUALITY STANDARDS

The following sections replace term "school quality standards" with "education quality standards" to reflect the preferred term currently in use.

- 17. 16 V.S.A. § 11(a)(8): Education administration
- 18. 16 V.S.A. § 164: State Board of Education
- 19. 16 V.S.A. § 165: Quality standards -- Additionally updates grammar and terminology to clarify and to conform to the rest of the section.
- 20. 16 V.S.A. § 212: Secretary of Education
- 21. 16 V.S.A. § 821(d): Maintenance of public schools
- 22. 16 V.S.A. § 822: Maintenance of public schools
- 23. 16 V.S.A. § 823(b): Maintenance of public schools
- 24. 16 V.S.A. § 824(b): Maintenance of public schools
- 25. 16 V.S.A. § 826: Maintenance of public schools
- 26. 16 V.S.A. § 828: Maintenance of public schools
- 27. 16 V.S.A. § 1532: Career technical education
- 28. 16 V.S.A. § 3447: Capital construction costs
- 29. 28 V.S.A. § 120: Department of Corrections education program
- 30. Statutory revision: Authorizes Legislative Council to make this substitution as necessary throughout V.S.A.

EDUCATION; MISCELLANEOUS

- 31. 16 V.S.A. § 11(a)(30)(B): Education administration -- Updates statutory cross-reference.
- 32. 16 V.S.A. § 563: School districts -- Updates "Commissioner" of Education to "Secretary" to reflect change in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 131, Sec. 72.
- 33. 16 V.S.A. § 1533(b): Career technical education -- Replaces "sex" with "gender" to conform to V.S.A. style.
- 34. 16 V.S.A. § 1542(b): Career technical education Replaces "Workforce Development Council" with "Workforce Investment Board" to reflect practice.
- 35. 16 V.S.A. § 1546(b): Career technical education -- Removes references to sections repealed in 2009.
- 36. 16 V.S.A. § 1562: Career technical education -- Replaces "sex" with "gender" to conform to V.S.A. style.
- 37. 16 V.S.A. § 1940(b)(1)(C): Teachers' retirement -- Updates reference to § 551, which was repealed in 2009.
- 38. 16 V.S.A. § 1941(a)(1)(B)(iii): Teachers' retirement -- Updates reference to § 551, which was repealed in 2009.
- 39. 16 V.S.A. § 1943(a): Teachers' retirement -- Replaces "subchapter" with "chapter"; corrects statutory cross-reference.
- 40. 16 V.S.A. § 2281(f): UVM -- Removes reference to § 2321 (divisions within the Agricultural College), which was repealed in 2013. Additional abbreviation correction.
- 41. 16 V.S.A. § 4028(d): Education fund -- Corrects statutory cross-reference.

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 42. 9 V.S.A. § 2466a(c)(2)(A): Consumer protection, prescriptions -- Corrects typographical error in citation to C.F.R.
- 43. 16 V.S.A. § 3856(j): Hospital certificates of need -- Updates "Commissioner of Financial Regulation" and "Commissioner" to "Green Mountain Care Board" and "Board" to reflect recent transfer of responsibility over certificates of need.
- 44. 18 V.S.A. § 1905(21): Hospital licensing and community report authority -- Updates "Department of Financial Regulation" to "Commissioner of Health." 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 38 transferred responsibility over hospital community reports from DFR to the Commissioner of Health.
- 45. 18 V.S.A. § 5227: Disposition of remains -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary," as the term and concept were repealed by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 164. Strikes "or civil union partner" following "spouse." Under 15 V.S.A. § 1204(b), a civil union partner is the same as a spouse.
- 46. 18 V.S.A. § 5250i: Anatomical gifts -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary."
- 47. 18 V.S.A. § 9701(18): Advance directives -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary."
- 48. 18 V.S.A. § 9703(c): Advance directives -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary."
- 49. 33 V.S.A. § 7301: Nursing home resident bill of rights -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary;" updates C.F.R. citation to conform to V.S.A. style.
- 50. 33 V.S.A. § 7306: Nursing home resident bill of rights -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary."
- 51. 18 V.S.A. § chapter 221, subchapter 1: Health Care Administration -- Redesignates subchapter to reflect actual content.
- 52. 18 V.S.A. § 9718: Advance directives -- Updates "Department of Health" to "Department of Mental Health" to reflect DMH's transition to a separate department. Additional grammatical correction.
- 53. 33 V.S.A. § 1116(d): Reach Up -- Corrects internal cross-reference.
- 54. 33 V.S.A. § 1812(b)(1): Universal health care -- Replaces "federal poverty guideline" with "federal poverty level" to conform with rest of chapter.
- 55. 33 V.S.A. § 1827(h): Universal health care -- Removed reference to 33 V.S.A. § 1996, which was repealed by 2005 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 321.
- 56. 33 V.S.A. § 1906: Medicaid recoupment -- Renumbers and rewords lists to conform to V.S.A. style; additional capitalization correction.

- 57. 33 V.S.A. § 2001(e)(3): Pharmacy benefits managers -- Removes reference to 33 V.S.A. § 2001(d)(4), which was repealed by 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 83; additional language update to conform to V.S.A. style.
- 58. 33 V.S.A. § 2114(c): General Assistance Corrects list structure to conform to V.S.A. style.
- 59. 33 V.S.A. § 4304a: Children with emotional disturbances, advisory board -- Adds "Secretary" to subsection (b). 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 131, Sec. 71 made this change in subsection (a) but failed to reflect it in (b).
- 60. 33 V.S.A. § 4305(b)(2): Children with emotional disturbances, system of care -- Updates language to reflect change from "Commissioner" to "Secretary" of Education made in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 131, Sec. 72.
- 61. 33 V.S.A. § 5308: Temporary care order for child -- Changes "custodial parent, guardian, or guardian" (error in original 2008 act) to read "...or custodian."
- 62. 33 V.S.A. § 5316: Children in need of care or supervision -- Strikes subheading to conform to rest of section.
- 63. 33 V.S.A. § 6902(7): Abuse of vulnerable adults -- Alters subdivision designations to create parallel construction with rest of section.
- 64. 33 V.S.A. § 6902(10): Abuse of vulnerable adults -- Replaces "durable power of attorney for health care" with "advance directive," the term currently in use in Vermont law.
- 65. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 112: Report expirations -- strikes reference to 18 V.S.A. § 8725(d) (System of Care report). 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 112(6) provides that the report set forth in former 18 V.S.A. § 8725(d) is not set for expiration under 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) until 7/1/18. However, 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 140, Sec. 1 (pg. 4) amends 18 V.S.A. § 8725 so that former (d) is current (e), and also provides that the report requirement is not subject to the automatic expiration of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d). Both acts have the same effective date and were signed into law on the same day. Katie McLinn advises that she understands Act 140 to control.
- 66. 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 158, Sec. 11: Judicial proceedings -- Corrects definition of "person in need of custody, care, and habilitation." Act 96 (respectful language) amends 18 VSA § 8839(3)(A) as of July 1, 2014. Act 158 (TBI) also amends the same subdivision as of July 1, 2017 and in so doing removes the changes made by Act 96. The subdivision in Act 158 to take effect July 1, 2017 requires this amendment to avoid losing the Act 96 changes. Additional capitalization correction.

<u>UPDATES REFLECTING LANGUAGE AS USED IN THE</u> ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

With reference to State agency rulemaking that triggers the Administrative Procedures Act, the following sections change references from "making" or "promulgating" rules to "adopting" rules and from adopting "regulations" to "rules" to reflect the terminology used in the APA.

- 67. 3 V.S.A. § 209: Administrative departments -- additional capitalization and grammatical technical corrections.
- 68. 5 V.S.A § 205(c): Agency of Transportation -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 69. 5 V.S.A. § 426: Transportation, operation of aircraft -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 70. 5 V.S.A. § 773: Transportation; air navigation facilities -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 71. 6 V.S.A. § 367: Agriculture; fertilizer and lime -- additional capitalization corrections; altered list format to conform to V.S.A. convention.
- 72. 6 V.S.A. § 611: Agriculture; seeds -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 73. 6 V.S.A. § 1153: Agriculture; livestock disease -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 74. 6 V.S.A. § 2672(20): Agriculture; dairy operations
- 75. 6 V.S.A. § 2681: Agriculture; dairy operations -- additional capitalization corrections; altered reference to APA to conform to V.S.A. conventions.
- 76. 6 V.S.A. § 2701: Agriculture; dairy operations -- additional capitalization corrections; altered abbreviations and reference to APA to conform to V.S.A. conventions; removed redundant language to conform to V.S.A. conventions.
- 77. 6 V.S.A. § 3029(b) and (c): Agriculture; apiaries -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 78. 6 V.S.A. § 3030: Agriculture; apiaries -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 79. 6 V.S.A. § 4012: Agriculture; livestock brands -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 80. 7 V.S.A. § 104: Department of Liquor Control
- 81. 7 V.S.A. § 238(c): Alcoholic beverages
- 82. 7 V.S.A. § 807: Alcoholic beverages -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 83. 8 V.S.A. § 4160(a)(2): Insurance; life and health insurance guaranty association
- 84. 8 V.S.A. § 4990: Insurance; Vermont joint underwriting associations
- 85. 8 V.S.A. § 5102: Insurance; HMOs -- additional grammatical correction.
- 86. 8 V.S.A. § 5111: Insurance; HMOs
- 87. 8 V.S.A. § 14407(b): Insurance; financial institutions -- additional grammatical correction.
- 88. 9 V.S.A. § 103(c): Commerce; interest
- 89. 9 V.S.A. § 104: Commerce; interest
- 90. 9 V.S.A. § 2461b(b) and (c): Commerce; consumer protection
- 91. 9 V.S.A. § 2514(c): Commerce; pay-per-call services
- 92. 9 V.S.A. § 3683a(d): Commerce; outdoor advertising -- altered citations and abbreviations to conform to V.S.A. conventions.
- 93. 9 V.S.A. § 4113: Commerce; petroleum inventories
- 94. 9 V.S.A. § 4133: Commerce; petroleum set-aside
- 95. 9 V.S.A. § 4174: Commerce; motor vehicle arbitration board
- 96. 10 V.S.A. § 555(c): Conservation and development; air pollution control -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 97. 10 V.S.A. § 663: Conservation and development; travel and recreation -- additional capitalization and grammatical corrections.
- 98. 10 V.S.A. § 1105: Conservation and development; dams -- additional capitalization corrections; altered reference to APA to conform to V.S.A. convention.
- 99. 10 V.S.A. § 2603(c)(1): Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

- 100. 10 V.S.A. § 6608a: Conservation and development; waste management -- additional capitalization and grammatical corrections.
- 101. 10 V.S.A. § 6608b: Conservation and development; waste management -- additional capitalization and grammatical corrections.
- 102. 11 V.S.A. § 926: Scrip corporations -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 103. 11 V.S.A. § 927: Scrip corporation -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 104. 18 V.S.A. § 102: State board of health -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 105. 18 V.S.A. § 112: State board of health -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 106. 18 V.S.A. § 1908: Health; hospital licensing -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 107. 18 V.S.A. § 4051(6): Health; labeling -- additionally changed internal cross-references to reflect list structure in statute as amended by this act; changed list designations and language to reflect V.S.A. convention; changed "man" to "humans" to reflect V.S.A. convention.
- 108. 18 V.S.A. § 4053: Health; labeling -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 109. 18 V.S.A. § 4058: Health; labeling -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 110. 18 V.S.A. § 4061(a): Health; labeling -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 111. 18 V.S.A. § 4062: Health; labeling -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 112. 18 V.S.A. § 4064: Health; labeling -- revised list designations and abbreviations to reflect V.S.A. convention; additional capitalization and spelling corrections.
- 113. 18 V.S.A. § 4069: Health; labeling -- additional capitalization, grammatical, and technical corrections.
- 114. 18 V.S.A. § 4442: Health; food establishments additional capitalization corrections.
- 115. 18 V.S.A. § 4471: Health; cannabis -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 116. 18 V.S.A. § 8101(b): Health; support and expense -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 117. 19 V.S.A. § 1109: Highways -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 118. 19 V.S.A. § 2104: Highways -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 119. 21 V.S.A. § 224: Labor; safety -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 120. 21 V.S.A. § 1359: Labor; unemployment compensation -- additional capitalization, grammatical, and abbreviation corrections to reflect V.S.A. convention.
- 121. 23 V.S.A. § 304a(f): Motor vehicles; registration
- 122. 23 V.S.A. § 801: Motor vehicles; financial responsibility and insurance
- 123. 23 V.S.A. § 1006a(c): Motor vehicles; operation additional capitalization corrections; revised citation to conform to V.S.A. conventions.
- 124. 24 V.S.A. § 2206(c): Municipal government -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 125. 24 V.S.A. § 5104(b): Municipal government; mass transit authorities
- 126. 24 V.S.A. § 5125(b): Municipal government; mass transit authorities -- additional grammatical correction to conform to V.S.A. convention.
- 127. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 127 § 104: Town of Middlebury
- 128. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 801 § 4(c): Chittenden County Transportation Authority
- 129. 26 V.S.A. § 1743: Professions and occupations; opticians -- additional capitalization corrections; altered reference to APA to conform to V.S.A. convention.
- 130. 26 V.S.A. § 2665: Professions and occupations; opticians -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 131. 28 V.S.A. § 505: Public institutions and corrections; parole -- additional capitalization corrections.
- 132. 28 V.S.A. § 903: Public institutions and corrections; correctional facilities -- additional capitalization corrections; altered reference to APA to conform to V.S.A. convention.
- 133. 29 V.S.A. § 152: Department of Buildings and General Services -- additionally altered list language for internal conformity.
- 134. 30 V.S.A. § 11: Department of Public Services
- 135. 31 V.S.A. § 654: Recreation and sports; state lottery -- additional capitalization corrections; altered reference to APA to conform to V.S.A. convention.

136. 33 V.S.A. § 1913(10): Human services; medical assistance 137. 33 V.S.A. § 1922: Human services; medical assistance

MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

- 138. 2 V.S.A. § 264b(b): Lobbying firm registration -- Strikes "or civil union partner" following "spouse." Under 15 V.S.A. § 1204(b), a civil union partner is the same as a spouse. "[O]r civil union partner" was appropriately <u>not</u> included in current 2 V.S.A. § 264(b)(4)(B) and (c)(4)(B) when the language was moved there from former subdivisions (b)(1)(C) and (c)(1)(C), respectively, under 2014 No. 161, but "or civil union partner" was erroneously retained when the act moved that same language from former 2 V.S.A. § 264b(b)(1)(C) to current § 264b(b)(4).
- 139. 3 V.S.A. § 212: Departments created -- Removes Agency from list of Departments and removes or updates Department names to reflect current executive structure.
- 140. 3 V.S.A. § 253: Deputy officers -- Removes references to "Deputy Commissioner of Health Care Administration" at Department of Financial Regulation, as this position no longer exists; changes references to "Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Enforcement" and "Deputy Commissioner" at the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to "Deputy Secretary" of Agriculture to reflect changes in executive organization; reorders statute so that provisions are grouped together by relevant Department or Agency; capitalization corrections.
- 141. 6 V.S.A. § 981: Interstate Pest Control Compact -- Restores the language in subsections (g) and (i) improperly deleted by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 83. The Compact should not have been amended by a bill repealing reporting requirements.
- 142. 6 V.S.A. § 2777(f): Agriculture; sale of raw milk -- Removes numeral "6" from subsection (f). This was a drafting error in a 2014 bill, in which an entire phrase that included the "6" was struck.
- 143. 9 V.S.A. § 2480ff(b): Consumer protection, transfer of settlement payment rights -- Changes reference to 9 V.S.A. § 2481n, which does not exist, to § 2480cc (disclosure statements).
- 144. 9 V.S.A. § 4502(f): Public accommodation discrimination -- Updates reference to 21 V.S.A. chapter 4, which was repealed by 2003 Acts and Resolves No. 131, sec. 12, to 20 V.S.A chapter 174.
- 145. 12 V.S.A. § 4634(b): Mediation in foreclosure proceedings -- Replaces subdivision (6) designation that was improperly dropped by publisher (Lexis).
- 146. 20 V.S.A. § 2056h: Dissemination of criminal history records of job applicants to DFR -- Corrects typographical error.
- 147. 20 V.S.A. § 3550(h): Pet control -- Updates reference to "Small Claims Court," which no longer exists, to "small claims action."
- 148. 24 V.S.A. § 1173: Municipal reports -- Requires municipal clerks to send one copy, rather than two copies, of municipal reports to the State Library. Law had changed "mail" to "send" to permit transmission of electronic copies but did not reduce copy number in this instance to reflect change. Removed "printed" before "copies" to reduce confusion (printed copies only required if electronic mail not used).

- 149. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 129 § 306: Milton City charter -- Corrects names of two organizations to whom Selectboard appoints a member and correctly specifies that a member of each organization (not all members of each organization) is appointed by the Selectboard. Corrects list to be internally consistent.
- 150. 30 V.S.A. § 53(d)(4): Commercial building energy standards -- Replaces "residential construction" with "commercial construction," as section deals only with commercial construction and residential construction is dealt with elsewhere.
- 151. 30 V.S.A. § 248(g): New gas and electric facilities, certificates of public good -- Updates language for precision and to conform to V.S.A. style.

152. Repeals

- 1. 15 V.S.A. § 1101(6): Abuse prevention; definition of "family" -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary," as the term and concept were repealed by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 164.
- 2. 18 V.S.A. § 1853: Decisionmaking about visitation and health care -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary."
- 3. 18 V.S.A. § 5087(c): Birth info council report -- Removes reference to 18 V.S.A. § 5086, which was repealed in 2003.
- 4. 18 V.S.A. § 5220: Decisionmaking about remains -- Removes reference to "reciprocal beneficiary."
- 5. 33 V.S.A. § 102(10): Department of PATH definitions: Deletes unnecessary definition of "Secretary" to mean Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "Secretary" is only used once subsequently and there refers to Vermont Secretary of Human Services.
- 153. Interpretation: Explains that technical amendments are not intended to supersede substantive changes in other acts, should be interpreted as supplemental where possible, and should give way in case of conflict.
- 154. Effective date: Bill takes effect July 1, 2015.