

PROPOSAL 1

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont specifically to provide that each individual has a right to privacy, including the right to keep personal information private; to communicate with others privately; and to make decisions concerning his or her body.

Sec. 2. Chapter I, Article 22 of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22. [RIGHT TO PRIVACY]

That each individual has a right to privacy that shall not be infringed without the showing of a compelling State interest. This right includes the individual's right to keep personal information private; to communicate with others privately; and to make decisions concerning his or her body. This section shall not be construed to modify the public's right of access to public records and open meetings as provided by law.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment set forth in Sec. 2 shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2018 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

H. 112.

An act relating to access to financial records in adult protective services investigations.

H. 171.

An act relating to restrictions on the use of electronic cigarettes.

Proposal of amendment to H. 171 to be offered by Senators Ashe and White before Third Reading

Senators Ashe and White move to amend the Senate proposal of amendment as follows

First: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. § 1421, in subdivision (b)(4), by designating the existing language to be subdivision (A) and by adding a subdivision (B) to read as follows:

(B) The prohibition on possession of lighted tobacco products and use of tobacco substitutes in a workplace shall not apply to the sleeping quarters and adjoining rooms of an owner-operated lodging establishment that does not have employees who work inside the building.

Second: In Sec. 4, 18 V.S.A. § 1742, in subdivision (a)(2), following the word “guests”, by inserting before the semicolon “; provided, however, that possession of lighted tobacco products and use of tobacco substitutes is permitted in the sleeping quarters and adjoining rooms of an owner-operated lodging establishment that have employees who work inside the building

Third: In Sec. 4, 18 V.S.A. § 1742, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

~~(b) The possession of lighted tobacco products in any form is prohibited on the grounds of any hospital or secure residential recovery facility owned or operated by the state, including all enclosed places in the hospital or facility and the surrounding outdoor property.~~

(1) The possession of lighted tobacco products and use of tobacco substitutes is prohibited in all enclosed indoor areas of hospitals and secure residential recovery facilities owned or operated by the State and residential facilities with which the State contracts to provide mental health services.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section to the contrary, the possession of lighted tobacco products and use of tobacco substitutes is permitted on the outdoor property surrounding hospitals and secure residential recovery facilities owned or operated by the State and residential facilities with which the State contracts to provide mental health services.

H. 280.

An act relating to amending the State Board of Education rules on school lighting requirements.

H. 595.

An act relating to potable water supplies from surface waters.

H. 608.

An act relating to solid waste management.

H. 622.

An act relating to obligations for reporting child abuse and neglect and cooperating in investigations of child abuse and neglect.