

No. 35. An act relating to consent by minors for mental health treatment.

(H.230)

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 196 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 196. ~~CONVERSION THERAPY~~ OUTPATIENT MENTAL
HEALTH TREATMENT FOR MINORS

Subchapter 1. Consent by Minors for Mental Health Care

§ 8350. CONSENT BY MINORS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

A minor may give consent to receive any legally authorized outpatient treatment from a mental health professional, as defined in section 7101 of this title. Consent under this section shall not be subject to disaffirmance due to minority of the person consenting. The consent of a parent or legal guardian shall not be necessary to authorize outpatient treatment. As used in this section, “outpatient treatment” means psychotherapy and other counseling services that are supportive, but not prescription drugs.

Subchapter 2. Prohibition of Conversion Therapy

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

Date Governor signed bill: May 17, 2017