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## Act No. 80 (S.56). Insurance; securities; enhanced penalties; workers' compensation; mental health parity

## An act relating to insurance and securities

This act pertains to insurance, including workers' compensation, and securities. Among other things, it requires life insurers to notify a designated "secondary addressee" before terminating the policy of an elderly Vermonter; it provides for enhanced penalties for insurance and securities violations that involve vulnerable adults; it removes the monetary cap for multiple violations of securities law; it removes Vermont's exemption from the federal Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995; it provides Sate liability protection for medical examiners working under the supervision of the Commissioner of Health; it requires the Department of Financial Regulation to conduct various studies related to workers' compensation insurance; and it provides for mental health parity in workers' compensation insurance.

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