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**Act No. 142 (H.660). Crimes and criminal procedures; Vermont Sentencing Commission**

**An act relating to establishing the Commission on Sentencing Disparities and Criminal Code Reclassification**

This act directs the Vermont Sentencing Commission to review Vermont criminal sentencing law and practice to determine whether existing statutory penalties are appropriate, to place each existing criminal offense in a category within a standardized penalty classification system, and to develop responses to the significant impacts that increased opioid addiction has had on the criminal justice system. The act appropriates \$50,000.00 to the Sentencing Commission for these purposes, and repeals the Commission on July 1, 2021.

Effective Date: May 21, 2018