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Introduced by Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of  
Colchester, and Strong of Albany

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; breach of the peace; disturbances;  
public nudity

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit  
public nudity.

An act relating to prohibiting nudity in a public place

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 1021 is amended to read:

§ 1021. DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this chapter:

(1) “Bodily injury” means physical pain, illness, or any impairment of  
physical condition.

(2) “Serious bodily injury” means:

(A) bodily injury which creates any of the following:

(i) a substantial risk of death;

1                   (ii) a substantial loss or impairment of the function of any bodily  
2 member or organ;

3                   (iii) a substantial impairment of health; or

4                   (iv) substantial disfigurement; or

5                   (B) strangulation by intentionally impeding normal breathing or  
6 circulation of the blood by applying pressure on the throat or neck or by  
7 blocking the nose or mouth of another person.

8                   (3) “Deadly weapon” means any firearm, or other weapon, device,  
9 instrument, material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate which in the  
10 manner it is used or is intended to be used is known to be capable of producing  
11 death or serious bodily injury.

12                   (4) “Nude” means any one or more of the following uncovered parts of  
13 the human body:

14                   (A) genitals;

15                   (B) pubic area; or

16                   (C) anus.

17                   (b) As used in this subchapter, “course of conduct” means a pattern of  
18 conduct composed of two or more acts over a period of time, however short,  
19 evidencing a continuity of purpose. Constitutionally protected activity is not  
20 included within the meaning of “course of conduct.”

1       Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 1027a is added to read:

2       § 1027a. NUDITY IN PUBLIC

3           (a) A person is guilty of nudity in public if he or she is nude in a public  
4       place.

5           (b) A person who is convicted of nudity in public shall be imprisoned for  
6       not more than 60 days or fined not more than \$500.00, or both. A person who  
7       is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section shall be  
8       imprisoned for not more than 120 days or fined not more than \$1,000.00,  
9       or both.

10       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.