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Introduced by Representatives Lucke of Hartford, Belaski of Windsor,
Buckholz of Hartford, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of
Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Deen of Westminster, Dunn of
Essex, Gannon of Wilmington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Head of
South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston,
Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of
Putney, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of
Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City,
Weed of Enosburgh, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; mental health; treatment of minors; consent

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow minors
to consent to mental health treatment for any condition related to the minor's
sexual orientation or gender identity.

An act relating to consent by minors for mental health treatment related to
sexual orientation and gender identity

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

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

3 CHAPTER 196. ~~CONVERSION THERAPY~~ MENTAL HEALTH

4 TREATMENT FOR MINORS

5 Subchapter 1. Consent by Minors for Mental Health Care

6 § 8350. CONSENT BY MINORS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

7 RELATED TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER

8 IDENTITY

9 A minor may give his or her consent to receive outpatient treatment from a
10 mental health professional, as defined in section 7101 of this title, for any
11 underlying condition related to the minor's sexual orientation or gender
12 identity. Consent under this section shall not be subject to disaffirmance due
13 to minority of the person consenting. The consent of a parent or legal guardian
14 shall not be necessary to authorize care related to a consenting minor's sexual
15 orientation or gender identity.

16 Subchapter 2. Conversion Therapy

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18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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