

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred House Bill No. 230
3 entitled “An act relating to consent by minors for mental health treatment
4 related to sexual orientation and gender identity” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

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

10 Subchapter 1. Consent by Minors for Mental Health Care

11 § 8350. CONSENT BY MINORS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
12 RELATED TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER
13 IDENTITY

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

