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	<u>IDENTITY</u>
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.

1	(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if a mental health
2	professional does not believe that parental consent is a barrier to access to
3	treatment or contrary to the best interests of a minor, and the minor has
4	consented, parental consent shall be obtained.
5	Subchapter 2. Prohibition of Conversion Therapy
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7	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
8	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
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19	FOR THE COMMITTEE