

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

1 treatment,” means psychotherapy and supportive counseling, but not  
2 prescription drugs.

3 Subchapter 2. Prohibition of Conversion Therapy

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5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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9 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE