

1 Sec. A. 13 V.S.A. § 3251 is amended to read:

2 § 3251. DEFINITIONS

3 As used in this chapter:

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5 (9) “Law enforcement officer” means a person certified as a law  
6 enforcement officer under the provisions of 20 V.S.A. chapter 151.

7 Sec. B. 13 V.S.A. § 3259 is added to read:

8 § 3259. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A PERSON IN THE CUSTODY OF  
9 A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

10 (a) No law enforcement officer shall engage in a sexual act with a person  
11 who the officer is detaining, arresting, or otherwise holding in custody.

12 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be imprisoned  
13 for not more than five years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.