

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 or who  
12 the officer knows or should know is being detained, arrested, or otherwise held  
13 in custody by another officer.

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