

Honorable members of House Judiciary,

I hope that you'll support H.325, which addresses animal sexual abuse, and amend S.12, which increases penalties for aggravated animal cruelty, to include the language from H.325. I believe this would be germane, and would be an efficient way to address both concerns.

Vermont is one of only 8 states that has not yet explicitly prohibited animal sexual abuse, and that is not something we should be proud of. Further, there is a very real possibility of encouraging such activity in our state by failing to address it legislatively.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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