

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 25
3 entitled “An act relating to sexual assault survivors’ rights” respectfully reports
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate concur in the
5 House proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, 13 V.S.A. § 4003, in the first sentence, by striking out the
7 words “in violation of the criminal laws of this State”

8 Second: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
9 the following:

10 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 1703 is added to read:

11 § 1703. DOMESTIC TERRORISM

12 (a) As used in this section:

13 (1) “Domestic terrorism” means engaging in or taking a substantial step
14 to commit a violation of the criminal laws of this State with the intent to:

15 (A) cause death or serious bodily injury to multiple persons; or

16 (B) threaten any civilian population with mass destruction, mass
17 killings, or kidnapping.

18 (2) “Serious bodily injury” shall have the same meaning as in section
19 1021 of this title.

20 (3) “Substantial step” shall mean conduct that is strongly corroborative
21 of the actor’s intent to complete the commission of the offense.

1 (b) A person who willfully engages in an act of domestic terrorism shall be
2 imprisoned for not more than 20 years or fined not more than \$50,000.00,
3 or both.

4 (c) It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the
5 actor abandoned his or her effort to commit the crime or otherwise prevented
6 its commission under circumstances manifesting a complete and voluntary
7 renunciation of his or her criminal purpose.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE