

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 836
3 entitled “An act relating to electronic court filings for relief from abuse orders”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
8 following:

9 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

10 This act permits relief from abuse orders to be obtained electronically in
11 certain circumstances when courts are closed while enhancing the safety of all
12 parties involved.

13 Second: In Sec. 2, 15 V.S.A. § 1106, by striking out subdivision (b)(2)(C)
14 and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b)(2)(C) to read as follows:

15 (C) The affidavit shall be sworn to or affirmed by administration of
16 the oath over the telephone to the applicant by the authorized person, and shall
17 conclude with the following statement: “I declare under the penalty of perjury
18 pursuant to the laws of the State of Vermont that the foregoing is true and
19 accurate. I understand that the penalty for perjury is imprisonment of not more
20 than 15 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.” The authorized

1 person shall note on the affidavit the date and time that the oath was
2 administered.

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10 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE