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An act relating to consent by minors for mental health treatment related to sexual orientation and gender identity

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 196 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 196. ~~CONVERSION THERAPY~~ OUTPATIENT MENTAL  
HEALTH TREATMENT FOR MINORS

Subchapter 1. Consent by Minors for Mental Health Care

§ 8350. CONSENT BY MINORS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT  
RELATED TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER  
IDENTITY

A minor may give consent to receive outpatient treatment from a mental health professional, as defined in section 7101 of this title, for any underlying condition related to the minor's sexual orientation or gender identity. Consent under this section shall not be subject to disaffirmance due to minority of the person consenting. The consent of a parent or legal guardian shall not be necessary to authorize outpatient treatment related to a consenting minor's sexual orientation or gender identity. As used in this section, "outpatient treatment" means psychotherapy and supportive counseling, but not prescription drugs.

Subchapter 2. Prohibition of Conversion Therapy

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.