

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 230 entitled “An act relating to consent by minors for mental health
4 treatment related to sexual orientation and gender identity” respectfully reports
5 that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the
6 House that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
7 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

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

11 Subchapter 1. Consent by Minors for Mental Health Care

12 § 8350. CONSENT BY MINORS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

13 A minor may give consent to receive any legally authorized outpatient
14 treatment from a mental health professional, as defined in section 7101 of this
15 title. Consent under this section shall not be subject to disaffirmance due to
16 minority of the person consenting. The consent of a parent or legal guardian
17 shall not be necessary to authorize outpatient treatment. As used in this
18 section, “outpatient treatment” means psychotherapy and supportive
19 counseling, but not prescription drugs.

20 Subchapter 2. Prohibition of Conversion Therapy

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1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

3 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating
4 to consent by minors for mental health treatment”

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE