

1 H.388

2 Introduced by Representative Cina of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; mental health; peer support line; housing

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand  
7 appropriations to the peer-run warm line and to the Pathways Vermont  
8 Housing First program.

9 An act relating to appropriations to expand the peer-run warm line and the  
10 Pathways Vermont Housing First program

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

12 Sec. 1. APPROPRIATION; PEER WARM LINE

13 In fiscal year 2020, an additional \$170,000.00 over the fiscal year 2019  
14 appropriation shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the Department  
15 of Mental Health to expand the warm line established by 2012 Acts and  
16 Resolves No. 79, Sec. 6 to full capacity. The warm line shall be accessible to  
17 callers statewide 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

18 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; HOUSING FIRST

19 In fiscal year 2020, an additional \$500,000.00 over the fiscal year 2019  
20 appropriation shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the Department

1 of Mental Health to expand supportive housing and services offered by the  
2 Pathways Vermont Housing First program in underserved counties for  
3 individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and have a severe and  
4 protracted mental health disability.

5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.