1	H.491
2	Introduced by Representatives Chase of Colchester, Durfee of Shaftsbury,
3	Houghton of Essex, Jerome of Brandon, and White of Hartford
4	Referred to Committee on
5	Date:
б	Subject: Domestic relations; annulment
7	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to include
8	agreement of the parties as grounds for annulment of a marriage.
9	An act relating to the grounds for annulment of marriage
10	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
11	Sec. 1. 15 V.S.A. § 512 is amended to read:
12	§ 512. VOIDABLE CIVIL MARRIAGES-GROUNDS FOR ANNULMENT
13	GENERALLY
14	The civil marriage contract may be annulled when, at the time of marriage,
15	either party had not attained the age of 16 years of age or was physically or
16	mentally incapable of entering into the civil marriage state, or when the
17	consent of either party was obtained by force or fraud, or upon agreement of
18	the parties to annul the marriage.

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1	Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 317 is amended to read:
2	§ 317. DEFINITIONS; PUBLIC AGENCY; PUBLIC RECORDS AND
3	DOCUMENTS; EXEMPTIONS
4	* * *
5	(c) The following public records are exempt from public inspection and
6	copying:
7	* * *
8	(43) Court records relating to an annulment of marriage pursuant to
9	<u>15 V.S.A. § 512.</u>
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11	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
12	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.