
Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; related drugs, buprenorphine

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to remove buprenorphine from the misdemeanor crime of possession of a narcotic.

An act relating to removal of buprenorphine from the misdemeanor crime of possession of a narcotic

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4234 is amended to read:

§ 4234. DEPRESSANT, STIMULANT, AND NARCOTIC DRUGS

(a) Possession.

(1) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, shall be imprisoned
not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both. For purposes of this subdivision, a narcotic drug shall not include buprenorphine.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.