

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 57
3 entitled “An act relating to preserving the right to abortion” respectfully reports
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as
5 follows:

6 First: By striking out Sec. 1 (Legislative Intent) in its entirety and inserting
7 in lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

9 Currently Vermont does not restrict the right to abortion. The General
10 Assembly intends this act to safeguard the existing rights to access
11 reproductive health services in Vermont by ensuring those rights are not
12 denied, restricted, or infringed by a governmental entity. Nothing about this
13 act shall be construed to undermine the supreme legislative power exercised by
14 the Senate and House of Representatives in accordance with Chapter II,
15 Section 2 of the Vermont constitution or the judicial power vested in
16 Vermont’s unified judicial system in accordance with Chapter II, Section 4 of
17 the Vermont constitution, or to contravene 18 U.S.C. § 1531.

18 Second: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. Chapter 223 (Reproductive Rights), by
19 striking out § 9493 (Individual Reproductive Rights) in its entirety and
20 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

21 § 9493. PURPOSE AND POLICY

1 (a) The State of Vermont recognizes the fundamental right of every
2 individual to choose or refuse contraception or sterilization.

3 (b) The State of Vermont recognizes the fundamental right of every
4 individual who becomes pregnant to choose to carry a pregnancy to term, to
5 give birth to a child, or to have an abortion.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE