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Date:

Subject: Regulated drugs; benchmark personal use supply; civil violations

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the Drug Use Standards Advisory Board within the Department of Health for the purpose of determining the benchmark personal use dosage and the benchmark personal use supply for regulated drugs with a goal of preventing and reducing the criminalization of personal drug use. Possessing and dispensing such drugs in an amount not greater than the benchmark personal use supply would become a civil violation subject to a penalty of not more than $50.00. The $50.00 penalty will be waived if the person agrees to participate in a screening for substance misuse treatment and related services. A person who has been previously diagnosed with substance misuse disorder shall not be subject to the $50.00 civil penalty upon providing evidence of the diagnosis to the court.
An act relating to decriminalizing possession and dispensing of a personal use supply of regulated drugs

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4201 is amended to read:

§ 4201. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

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(6) “Depressant or stimulant drug” means:

(A) any drug that contains any quantity of barbituric acid or any of the salts of barbituric acid, or any derivative of barbituric acid, that is designated as habit-forming because of its effect on the central nervous system in the rules adopted by the Board of Health under section 4202 of this title;

(B) any drug, other than methamphetamine, that contains any quantity of amphetamine or any of its optical isomers, any salt or amphetamine or any salt of an optical isomer of amphetamine, that the Board of Health so designates by such rule as habit-forming because of its effect on the central nervous system;

(C) gamma hydroxybutyric acid, including its salts, isomers, or salts of isomers;

(D) gamma butyrolactone, including 4-butyrolactone and gamma hydroxybutyric acid lactone, including its salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, when packaged, marketed, manufactured, or intended for human consumption;
(E) ketamine, including its salts, isomers, or salts of isomers;

(F) flunitrazepam, including its salts, isomers, or salts of isomers; and

(G) any drug, other than methamphetamine, that contains any quantity of a substance that the Board of Health so designates by such rule as having a serious potential for abuse arising out of its effect on the central nervous system.

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(10) “Hallucinogenic drugs” means stramonium, mescaline or peyote, lysergic acid diethylamide, and psilocybin, and all synthetic equivalents of chemicals contained in resinous extractives of Cannabis sativa, or any salts or derivatives or compounds of any preparations or mixtures thereof, and any other substance that is designated as habit-forming or as having a serious potential for abuse arising out of its effect on the central nervous system or its hallucinogenic effect in the rules adopted by the Board of Health under section 4202 of this title.

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(16) “Narcotic,” “narcotics,” or “narcotic drugs” means opium, coca leaves, pethidine (isonipecaine, meperidine), and opiates or their compound, manufacture, salt, alkaloid, or derivative, and every substance neither chemically nor physically distinguishable from them, and preparations containing such drugs or their derivatives, by whatever trade name identified
and whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of
vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis or by a
combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, as the same are so
designated in the rules adopted by the Board of Health under section 4202 of
this title.

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(29) “Regulated drug” means:

(A) a narcotic drug;

(B) a depressant or stimulant drug, other than methamphetamine;

(C) a hallucinogenic drug;

(D) Ecstasy;

(E) cannabis; or

(F) methamphetamine.

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(45) “Benchmark personal use dosage” means the quantity of a drug
commonly consumed over a 24-hour period for any therapeutic, medicinal, or
recreational purpose.

(46) “Benchmark personal use supply” means the quantity of a drug
commonly possessed for consumption by an individual for any therapeutic,
medicinal, or recreational purpose.
Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 4202 is amended to read:

§ 4202. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

(a) The Board of Health is authorized and empowered to adopt such rules that in its judgment may be necessary or proper to supplement the provisions of this chapter to effectuate the purposes and intent thereof or to clarify its provisions so as to provide the procedure or details to secure effective and proper enforcement of its provisions.

(b) These rules and determinations, when adopted, shall, until modified or rescinded, have the force and effect of law.

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(e) The Board of Health shall adopt rules reflecting the benchmarks recommended by the Drug Use Standards Advisory Board in accordance with section 4202a of this title.

Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 4202a is added to read:

§ 4202a. DRUG USE STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

(a) There is hereby created the Drug Use Standards Advisory Board established within the Department of Health composed of experts in the fields of general and behavioral health care, substance abuse treatment, and drug user communities.

(b) The primary objective of the Board shall be to determine, for each regulated and unregulated drug, the benchmark personal use dosage and the
benchmark personal use supply. The benchmarks determined pursuant to this
subsection shall be determined with a goal of preventing and reducing the
criminalization of personal drug use.

(c) The Drug Use Standards Advisory Board shall be convened and chaired
by the Deputy Commissioner of Health for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs.
After receiving nominations from harm reduction service providers, the
Deputy Commissioner shall appoint three consumer representatives to the
Board who are experienced in drug use and consumption practices. The
Deputy Commissioner and the three consumer representatives shall appoint the
remaining Board members as follows:

(1) two representatives from harm reduction service providers;

(2) an expert on medication-assisted treatment programs;

(3) an expert on human behavior and addiction;

(4) an expert on substance abuse treatment;

(5) an expert on legal reform from the University of Vermont Law
School Center for Justice Reform; and

(6) an academic researcher specializing in drug use or drug policy.

(d) On or before July 1, 2022, the Drug Use Standards Advisory Board
shall provide the recommended quantities for both the benchmark personal use
dosage and benchmark personal use supply for each category of regulated drug
listed in subdivision 4202(29) of this title.
(e) The Drug Use Standards Advisory Board shall convene at least one time per year to review benchmarks established pursuant to this section and recommend any necessary amendments.

(f) Upon receipt of the benchmark recommendations, the Board of Health shall expeditiously adopt the benchmark recommendations through rulemaking.

Sec. 4. 18 V.S.A. § 4231 is amended to read:

§ 4231. COCAINE

(a) Possession.

  (1)(A) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both.

  (B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing cocaine in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

  (2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing cocaine in an amount consisting of 2.5 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.
(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing cocaine in an amount consisting of one ounce or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $250,000.00, or both.

(4) [Repealed.]

(b) Selling or dispensing.

(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection (b), a person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than $75,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing cocaine in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(C) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing cocaine in an amount consisting of 2.5 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $250,000.00, or both.
(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing cocaine in an amount consisting of one ounce or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $1,000,000.00, or both.

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Sec. 5. 18 V.S.A. § 4232 is amended to read:

§ 4232. LSD

(a) Possession.

(1)(A) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing lysergic acid diethylamide in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing lysergic acid diethylamide in an amount consisting of 100 milligrams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.
(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing lysergic acid diethylamide in an amount consisting of one gram or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(4) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing lysergic acid diethylamide in an amount consisting of 10 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or both.

(b) Selling or dispensing.

(1)(A) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing lysergic acid diethylamide in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(C) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.
(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing lysergic acid diethylamide in an amount consisting of 100 milligrams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing lysergic acid diethylamide in an amount consisting of one gram or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing lysergic acid diethylamide shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or both.

Sec. 6. 18 V.S.A. § 4233 is amended to read:

§ 4233. HEROIN

(a) Possession.

(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (a)(1), a person knowingly and unlawfully possessing heroin shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing heroin in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.
(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing heroin in an amount consisting of 200 milligrams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing heroin shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing heroin in an amount consisting of one gram or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing heroin shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $250,000.00, or both.

(4) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing heroin in an amount consisting of two grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing heroin shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $1,000,000.00, or both.

(b) Selling or dispensing.

(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (b)(1), a person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing heroin shall be imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than $75,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing heroin in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.
(C) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling heroin shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing heroin in an amount consisting of 200 milligrams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing heroin shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $250,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing heroin in an amount consisting of one gram or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing heroin shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $1,000,000.00, or both.

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Sec. 7. 18 V.S.A. § 4234 is amended to read:

§ 4234. DEPRESSANT, STIMULANT, AND NARCOTIC DRUGS

(a) Possession.

(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (a)(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.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, in an amount not
greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, consisting of 100 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Health by rule shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, consisting of 1,000 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Health by rule shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(4) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, consisting of 10,000 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Health by rule shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or both.

(b) Selling or dispensing.

(1)(A) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, heroin, or cocaine,
shall be imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than $75,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, heroin, or cocaine, in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(C) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, cocaine, or heroin, shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, heroin, or cocaine, consisting of 100 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Health by rule shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing a depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than fentanyl, heroin, or cocaine, consisting of 1,000 times a benchmark unlawful dosage or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Health by rule shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or both.
Sec. 8. 18 V.S.A. § 4234a is amended to read:

§ 4234a. METHAMPHETAMINE

(a) Possession.

(1)(A) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing methamphetamine shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing methamphetamine in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing methamphetamine in an amount consisting of 2.5 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing methamphetamine shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing methamphetamine in an amount consisting of 25 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing methamphetamine shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $250,000.00, or both.
(b) Selling and dispensing.

   (1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (b)(1), a person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing methamphetamine shall be imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than $75,000.00, or both.

   (B) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing methamphetamine in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

   (C) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling methamphetamine shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

   (2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing methamphetamine in an amount consisting of 2.5 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing methamphetamine shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $250,000.00, or both.

   (3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing methamphetamine in an amount consisting of 25 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing methamphetamine shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $1,000,000.00, or both.
Sec. 9. 18 V.S.A. § 4234b is amended to read:

§ 4234b. EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE

(a) Possession.

(1) No person shall knowingly and unlawfully possess a drug product containing ephedrine base, pseudoephedrine base, or phenylpropanolamine base with the intent to use the product as a precursor to manufacture methamphetamine or another controlled substance.

(2) A person who violates this subsection shall:

(A) if the offense involves possession of not greater than a benchmark personal use supply, shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(B) if the offense involves possession of less than nine grams of ephedrine base, pseudoephedrine base, or phenylpropanolamine base, shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both;

(B)(C) if the offense involves possession of nine or more grams of ephedrine base, pseudoephedrine base, or phenylpropanolamine base, shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.
Sec. 10. 18 V.S.A. § 4235 is amended to read:

§ 4235. HALLUCINOGENIC DRUGS

(a) “Dose” of a hallucinogenic drug means that minimum amount of a hallucinogenic drug, not commonly used for therapeutic purposes, which causes a substantial hallucinogenic effect. The Board of Health shall adopt rules which establish doses for hallucinogenic drugs. The Board may incorporate, where applicable, dosage calculations or schedules, whether described as “dosage equivalencies” or otherwise, established by the federal government.

(b) Possession.

(1)(A) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing 10 or more doses of a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be
imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or
both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing 100 or more doses of
a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be
imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or
both.

(4) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing 1,000 or more doses
of a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be
imprisoned not more than 15 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or
both.

c) Selling or dispensing.

(1) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be imprisoned
not more than three years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing a hallucinogenic
drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, in an amount not greater than a
benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more
than $50.00.
(C) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing 10 or more doses of a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing 100 or more doses of a hallucinogenic drug, other than lysergic acid diethylamide, shall be imprisoned not more than 15 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or both.

Sec. 11. 18 V.S.A. § 4235a is amended to read:

§ 4235a. ECSTASY

(a) Possession.

(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (a)(1), a person knowingly and unlawfully possessing Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $2,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing Ecstasy in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.
(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing Ecstasy in an amount consisting of two grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing Ecstasy in an amount consisting of 20 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(4) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing Ecstasy in an amount consisting of seven ounces or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or both.

(b) Selling or dispensing.

(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (b)(1), a person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(B) A person knowingly and unlawfully dispensing Ecstasy in an amount not greater than a benchmark personal use supply shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $50.00.
(C) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than $25,000.00, or both.

(2) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing Ecstasy in an amount consisting of two grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(3) A person knowingly and unlawfully selling or dispensing Ecstasy in an amount consisting of 20 grams or more of one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures, or substances containing Ecstasy shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than $500,000.00, or both.

Sec. 12. 18 V.S.A. § 4235b is added to read:

§ 4235b. HEALTH NEEDS SCREENING; WAIVER OF CIVIL PENALTIES

(a) A person who is cited pursuant to this chapter for a civil violation relating to possessing or dispensing not greater than the benchmark personal use supply of a regulated drug shall be offered a comprehensive health needs screening. A law enforcement officer who issues the notice of violation shall provide the person with information for participating in a screening from the VT Helplink Alcohol and Drug Support Center. A person who completes the screening shall not be subject to the $50.00 civil penalty.
(b) VT Helplink shall develop a standard referral form for screenings. A law enforcement officer shall provide the form to the person with a copy of the summons and complaint.

(c) To receive the waiver of the penalty, the person shall contact VT Helplink within 15 days of the issuance of the summons and complaint to schedule the screening. The screening shall be completed within 15 days of the person contacting VT Helplink pursuant to this section. Completion of the health screening shall not be deemed an admission of any kind by the defendant, and the court shall not make any legal findings based on the issuance of the notice of violation. Upon completion of the screening, VT Helplink shall provide confirmation of participation to the person and to the Judicial Bureau. The court shall waive the penalty within 15 days of receipt of the confirmation of participation in the health screening.

(d) A person who is cited pursuant to this chapter for a civil violation relating to possessing or dispensing not greater than the benchmark personal use supply of a regulated drug shall not be required to pay the $50.00 civil penalty if the person has been previously diagnosed with substance misuse disorder. To receive a waiver of the penalty, the person shall provide written confirmation of the diagnosis from the person’s health care provider to the Judicial Bureau within 15 days of the issuance of the summons and complaint.
Sec. 13. 4 V.S.A. § 1102 is amended to read:

§ 1102. JUDICIAL BUREAU; JURISDICTION

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(b) The Judicial Bureau shall have jurisdiction of the following matters:

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(30) Violations of 18 V.S.A. chapter 81, subchapter 1, relating to possessing or dispensing not greater than the benchmark personal use supply of a regulated drug.

Sec. 14. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 1 (definitions), 2 (Board of Health), and 3 (Drug Use Standards Advisory Board) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. 4–13 shall take effect on January 1, 2023.