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An act relating to eligibility of domestic partners for reimbursement from the Victims Compensation Program

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 5351 is amended to read:

§ 5351. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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(2) “Dependent” means the victim’s spouse, domestic partner, or a person who is legally dependent for support upon a victim. To qualify as a domestic partner, a couple shall share a residence for at least six months prior to applying, be 18 years of age or older, not be married to anyone, and not be related by blood closer than would bar marriage under State law.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.