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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 prohibited from legally marrying one another by 15 V.S.A. § 1a.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.