



Follow-Up Testimony on H. 534 – An Act Related to Sealing
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Thank you for your continued work on H. 534. In response to committee discussion last week, and a concern highlighted by Rep. Leffler, the Vermont Network proposes the following change to Section 4, Unauthorized Disclosure:

Current language in draft 2.5:

§ 7611. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE A state or municipal employee or contractor or any agent of the court, including an attorney and an employee or contractor of the attorney, who in the course of their official duties, knowingly discloses sealed criminal history record information without authorization shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00. Each unauthorized disclosure shall constitute a separate civil violation.

Proposed language:

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