

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 46 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health
4 law” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that
5 the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 1,
6 18 V.S.A. § 7503, in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 1 in lieu thereof to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 7503 is amended to read:

9 § 7503. APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY ADMISSION

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11 (b) Before the person may be admitted as a voluntary patient, ~~he or she~~ the
12 person shall give ~~his or her~~ consent in writing on a form adopted by the
13 Department. The consent shall include a representation that:

14 (1) the person understands that ~~his or her~~ treatment will involve
15 inpatient status;

16 (2) ~~that he or she~~ the person desires to be admitted to the hospital, ~~and;~~

17 (3) ~~that he or she~~ the person consents to admission voluntarily, without
18 any coercion or duress; and

19 (4) the person understands that inpatient treatment may be on a locked
20 unit and a requested discharge may be deferred if the treating physician

1 determines that the person is a person in need of treatment pursuant to section
2 7101 of this title.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE