



Miscellaneous Judiciary Bill
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The Vermont Network proposes the following changes to the bill as Passed by the House:

Sec. 3. 15 V.S.A. § 1104 is amended to read:

§ 1104. EMERGENCY RELIEF

(a) In accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure, temporary orders under this chapter may be issued ex parte, without notice to the defendant, upon motion and findings by the court that the defendant has abused the plaintiff or the plaintiff's children, or both. The plaintiff shall submit an affidavit in support of the order which shall ~~may~~ be sworn to or affirmed by administration of the oath over the telephone to the applicant by a person ~~an employee of the Judiciary~~ authorized to administer oaths, and shall conclude with the following statement: "I declare under the penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Vermont that the foregoing is true and accurate. I understand that ~~the penalty for perjury is imprisonment of not more than 15 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both~~ making false statements is a crime subject to a term of imprisonment or a fine, or both, as provided by 13 V.S.A. § 2904." The authorized person shall note on the affidavit the date and time that the oath was administered. A minor 16 years of age or older, or a minor of any age who is in a dating relationship as defined in subdivision 1101(2) of this chapter, may seek relief on his or her own behalf. Relief under this section shall be limited as follows:

Accordingly, we also propose the same language be revised in 15 V.S.A. § 1106 as follows:

15 V.S.A. § 1106(b)2 is amended to read:

(C) The affidavit shall be sworn to or affirmed by administration of the oath over the telephone to the applicant by the authorized person, and shall conclude with the following statement: "I declare under the penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Vermont that the foregoing is true and accurate. I understand that ~~the penalty for perjury is imprisonment of not more than 15 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both~~ making false statements is a crime subject to a term of imprisonment or a fine, or both, as provided by 13 V.S.A. § 2904." The authorized person shall note on the affidavit the date and time that the oath was administered.