

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this act to enable the Commissioners of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living to seek treatment and programming for certain individuals in a forensic facility. An initial forensic facility shall be located in the nine-bed unit of the current Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital. This unit shall be relicensed as a therapeutic community residence. The directors of the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital and a co-located forensic facility shall ensure that the populations at the two facilities are held separately and are not provided opportunities to co-mingle or interact.