

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 148
3 entitled “An act relating to raising the age of eligibility to marry” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5 propose to the House that the bill be amended by inserting a Sec. 2a to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 2a. 12 V.S.A. § 7156 is amended to read:

8 § 7156. EFFECT OF EMANCIPATION

9 (a) The order of emancipation shall recognize the minor as an adult for all
10 purposes that result from reaching the age of majority, including:

11 (1) entering into a binding contract;

12 (2) litigation and settlement of controversies, including the ability to sue
13 and be sued;

14 (3) buying or selling real property;

15 (4) establishing a residence except that an emancipation order may not
16 be used for the purpose of obtaining residency and in-state tuition or benefits at
17 the University of Vermont or the Vermont State Colleges;

18 (5) being prosecuted as an adult under the criminal laws of the State;

19 (6) terminating parental support and control of the minor and their rights
20 to the minor’s income;

21 (7) terminating parental tort liability for minor; and

1 (8) indicating the minor’s emancipated status on driver’s license or
2 identification card issued by the State.

3 (b) The order of emancipation shall not affect the status of the minor in the
4 applicability of any provision of law ~~which~~ that requires specific age
5 requirements under the State or federal constitution or any State or federal law,
6 including laws that require a person to be at least 18 years of age to marry and
7 laws that prohibit the sale, purchase, or consumption of alcoholic beverages to
8 or by a person under 21 years of age.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE