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Act No. 87 (H.849). An act relating to a civil action for damages for deprivation of federal constitutional rights by any government official

Subjects: Court procedure; civil action for damages; constitutional rights

The act creates a state cause of action authorizing any resident of Vermont or person injured in Vermont to bring a civil suit for money damages and injunctive relief against any person who acts under color of any state, federal, or local statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage and who deprives the resident or person in the jurisdiction of Vermont of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the U.S. Constitution.

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