

H.490

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Goodnow of
Brattleboro, Casey of Montpelier, Cole of Hartford, Eastes of
Guilford, Headrick of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Morrow
of Weston, Rachelson of Burlington, and Sweeney of Shelburne

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; criminal procedure; sentencing alternative; community
service

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to reduce the
community service hours a person convicted of a second impaired driving
offense is required to complete under 23 V.S.A. § 1210(c). The bill would
contain a findings section stating that aligning these time requirements is
consistent with the State's Restorative Justice Policy established pursuant to 28
V.S.A. § 2a because it would encourage more people to elect community
service over incarceration for offenses where community service exists as a
sentencing alternative. The bill's findings section would also reference the
latest Department of Corrections' figures for persons residing at Vermont
correctional facilities as the starting measure of any reduction that the bill's
initiative may have on the number of persons incarcerated in Vermont.

1 An act relating to incentivizing community service sentencing in certain
2 cases

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)