

H.683

Introduced by Representatives Burt of Cabot, Tagliavia of Corinth, and Wells
of Brownington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; lewdness and prostitution; public nudity

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit
exposing one's pubic area, genitals, or buttocks when the person is in a place
where the person can be seen by others in a public place. This bill also grants
authority for the legislative body of a municipality to adopt an ordinance or
bylaw that designates public places within the municipality where a person
may be nude or to issue a permit for an event in which a person may be nude.

An act relating to public nudity

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2607 is added to read:

§ 2607. PUBLIC NUDITY

(a) Offense. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall
knowingly expose the person's pubic area, genitals, or buttocks with less than
an opaque covering when the person is in a place where the person can be seen
by others in a public place. For purposes of this section, "public place"

1 includes situations where the person who exposes the person's pubic area,
2 genitals, or buttocks may be on private property such as the person's front
3 yard, but the person is visible to a public space like a sidewalk, road, or
4 neighboring property.

5 (b) Penalty. A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be
6 imprisoned not more than six months or fined not more than \$500.00, or both.

7 (c) Exceptions.

8 (1) This section shall not apply when a person disrobes in a location
9 intended for such conduct such as a changing room.

10 (2) The legislative body of a municipality may adopt an ordinance or
11 bylaw that designates public places within the municipality where a person
12 may expose the person's pubic area, genitals, or buttocks. A municipal
13 ordinance adopted pursuant to this subdivision may authorize events where a
14 person may expose the person's pubic area, genitals, or buttocks, and the
15 municipality may issue a permit for the event.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.