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Introduced by Representatives Christie of Hartford and LaLonde of South

Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; disorderly conduct

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to remove the word “tumultuous” from Vermont’s disorderly conduct statutes.

An act relating to amending Vermont’s disorderly conduct statutes

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 1026 is amended to read:

§ 1026. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

(a) A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if ~~he or she~~ the person, with intent to cause public inconvenience or annoyance, or recklessly creates a risk thereof:

- (1) engages in fighting or in violent, ~~tumultuous~~, or threatening behavior;
- (2) makes unreasonable noise;
- (3) in a public place, uses abusive or obscene language;

1 (4) without lawful authority, disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of
2 persons; or

3 (5) obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

4 (b) A person who is convicted of disorderly conduct shall be imprisoned
5 for not more than 60 days or fined not more than \$500.00, or both. A person
6 who is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section shall be
7 imprisoned for not more than 120 days or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or
8 both.

9 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 1026a is amended to read:

10 § 1026a. AGGRAVATED DISORDERLY CONDUCT

11 (a) A person is guilty of aggravated disorderly conduct if ~~he or she~~ the
12 person engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person with the
13 intent to cause the person inconvenience or annoyance; or to disturb the
14 person's peace, quiet, or right of privacy and:

15 (1) engages in fighting or in violent, ~~tumultuous~~, or threatening
16 behavior;

17 (2) makes unreasonable noise;

18 (3) in a public place, uses abusive or obscene language; or

19 (4) threatens bodily injury or serious bodily injury, or threatens to
20 commit a felony crime of violence as defined in section 11a of this title.

1 (b) A person who is convicted of aggravated disorderly conduct shall be
2 imprisoned not more than 180 days or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.