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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; sexual assault; consent; intoxication

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to: 1) define “consent” for purposes of the sexual assault statutes as positive cooperation in act or attitude pursuant to the exercise of free will and that the person must act freely and voluntarily and have knowledge of the nature of the act or transaction involved; and 2) provide that an individual can be prosecuted under the sexual assault statutes for engaging in a sex act with another person that the individual knew, or reasonably should have known, was prevented from resisting by any intoxicating or anesthetic substance or any controlled substance.

An act relating to affirmative consent

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

(TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)