

1 H.574

2 Introduced by Representative Harrison of Chittenden

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Housing; human services

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to simplify  
7 access to benefits and services by requiring a service provider to offer an  
8 applicant the opportunity to authorize information sharing among providers.

9 An act relating to simplifying access to benefits and services

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

11 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 2227 is added to read:

12 § 2227. INFORMATION SHARING FOR BENEFITS AND SERVICES

13 The Secretary of Administration shall ensure that a public or private  
14 provider of State-funded or federally funded benefits or services makes  
15 available to each applicant, by a simple checkbox or other mechanism, the  
16 opportunity for the applicant to authorize information sharing among all such  
17 providers in order to simplify access to the benefits and services for which the  
18 applicant is eligible.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.