

1 H.665

2 Introduced by Representative Notte of Rutland City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Criminal procedure; misdemeanors; defendant receiving residential  
6 substance use disorder treatment

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to temporarily  
8 prohibit requiring a misdemeanor defendant to appear at a court proceeding in  
9 the case while the defendant is receiving residential substance use disorder  
10 treatment.

11 An act relating to court appearances by misdemeanor defendants receiving  
12 residential substance use disorder treatment

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

14 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 15 is added to read:

15 § 15. MISDEMEANOR PROCEEDINGS; DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE  
16 NOT REQUIRED WHILE IN RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE USE  
17 DISORDER TREATMENT

18 A defendant who is charged with a misdemeanor shall not be required to  
19 attend, and shall not be summoned to appear for, any court proceeding in the  
20 case that is set to occur while the defendant is receiving substance use disorder

1 treatment in a residential setting. The defendant may be required to attend the  
2 proceeding when the defendant is no longer a resident of the treatment  
3 program.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.