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of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of
Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Colchester,
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Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Stevens of
Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of
Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of
Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Weed of
Enosburgh, and Young of Glover

Referred to Committee on
Date:
Subject: Public buildings; health; gender-free restroom

1 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
2 any single-user toilet in any public building or place of public accommodation
3 be identified as gender-free.

4 An act relating to identification of gender-free restrooms in public buildings
5 and places of public accommodation

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

7 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 40 is added to read:

8 CHAPTER 40. RESTROOMS

9 § 1791. DEFINITIONS

10 As used in this chapter:

11 (1) "Place of public accommodation" has the same meaning as used in
12 9 V.S.A. § 4501.

13 (2) "Public building" has the same meaning as used in 20 V.S.A.
14 § 2730.

15 (3) "Single-user toilet facility" means a toilet facility with no more than
16 one water closet and one urinal with a locking mechanism controlled by the
17 user.

18 § 1792. SINGLE-USER RESTROOMS

19 (a) Any single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public
20 accommodation shall be identified by a sign as a gender-free toilet facility, and

1 shall be designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for
2 family or assisted use.

3 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety may inspect for compliance under
4 subsection (a) of this section during any inspection conducted pursuant to
5 20 V.S.A. § 2731(b).

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.