

**No. 5. An act relating to statutory revision.**

(H.13)

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

Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 145 is added to read:

§ 145. INCLUDE, INCLUDES, AND INCLUDING

The terms “include,” “includes,” and “including” mean that the language following the term is illustrative and not exhaustive, and shall have the same meaning as though the term were followed by the words “but not limited to.”

Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 424 is amended to read:

§ 424. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; REVISION AUTHORITY

In preparing an individual act for codification in the Vermont Statutes Annotated or publication in the Acts and Resolves, the ~~legislative council~~ Legislative Council may not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of any act of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly, but it may:

- (1) renumber and rearrange sections or parts of sections;
- (2) transfer sections or divide sections so as to give separate section numbers to distinct subject matters, but without changing the meaning;
- (3) insert or change the wording of headnotes;
- (4) change reference numbers to agree with renumbered chapters or sections;
- (5) substitute the proper section or chapter number for the terms “this act,” “the preceding ~~section~~ section,” and similar terms;
- (6) strike out figures where they are merely a repetition of written words and vice versa;

(7) change capitalization, effect gender neutrality, and make other grammatical corrections for the purpose of conformity with the style of the Vermont Statutes Annotated;

(8) correct manifest typographical and grammatical errors;

(9) make any changes in any of the forms provided as guides which may be necessitated by changes in the substantive law; ~~and~~

(10) correct the names of agencies, departments, and similar units of state government; and

(11) make any other purely formal or clerical changes in keeping with the purposes of revision.

Sec. 3. 2 V.S.A. § 425 is amended to read:

§ 425. STATUTORY DATABASES

The ~~legislative council~~ Legislative Council shall maintain ~~official~~ computerized databases of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. The databases shall include the enactment history of a codified statutory section, but shall not maintain the revisor's notes, the judicial annotations added by the publisher, or the ~~acts and resolves~~ Acts and Resolves. The ~~legislative council~~ Legislative Council shall post these databases, ~~along with a seal of authenticity, on the worldwide web site of the Vermont general assembly~~ on the website of the Vermont General Assembly.

Sec. 4. STATUTORY REVISION

The Legislative Council, in its statutory revision capacity, is authorized to make such amendments to the Vermont Statutes Annotated as are necessary to reflect the provisions of Sec. 1 of this act (adding 1 V.S.A. § 145), including amending uniform laws and interstate compacts to the extent allowed under the terms of such laws and compacts. Such changes may also be made when new legislation is proposed or when there is a republication of a volume of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date the Governor signed the bill: April 23, 2013