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Introduced by Representatives Colburn of Burlington, Christie of Hartford,
Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Hashim of Dummerston,
Houghton of Essex, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of
South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, McCarthy of St.
Albans City, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of
Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; related drugs, buprenorphine

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to remove
buprenorphine from the misdemeanor crime of possession of a narcotic.

An act relating to removal of buprenorphine from the misdemeanor crime of
possession of a narcotic

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4234 is amended to read:

§ 4234. DEPRESSANT, STIMULANT, AND NARCOTIC DRUGS

(a) Possession.

(1) A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing a depressant,
stimulant, or narcotic drug, other than heroin or cocaine, shall be imprisoned

1 not more than one year or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both. For
2 purposes of this subdivision, a narcotic drug shall not include buprenorphine.

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4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.