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Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City,
Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Burrows of West
Windsor, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Demrow of
Corinth, Harrison of Chittenden, Morris of Springfield,
Mrowicki of Putney, Peterson of Clarendon, Toleno of
Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, and Waters Evans of
Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; possession of firearms in hospital buildings

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit
licensed security guards, private investigators, corrections officers, law
enforcement officers from other states, and members of the National Guard
and U.S. Armed Forces to possess firearms in hospital buildings in the same
manner that Vermont and federal law enforcement officers are currently
permitted to do.

An act relating to possession of firearms in hospital buildings by licensed
security guards and private investigators

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

2 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4023 is amended to read:

3 § 4023. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

4 PROHIBITED

5 (a) A person shall not knowingly possess a firearm while within a hospital
6 building.

7 (b) A person who violates this section shall be fined not more than
8 \$250.00.

9 (c) This section shall not apply to a firearm possessed by:

10 (1) a federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer
11 certified as a law enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice
12 Training Council pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358, for legitimate law enforcement
13 purposes;

14 (2) a security guard or private investigator performing the security
15 guard's or private investigator's official duties who is licensed under 26 V.S.A.
16 chapter 59 and possesses a firearms certification issued under 26 V.S.A.
17 § 3175c;

18 (3) a corrections officer performing the officer's official duties unless
19 the officer has been directed not to carry weapons while on duty by the
20 Commissioner of Corrections pursuant to 28 V.S.A. 551a(b);

1 (4) a law enforcement officer of another state who is authorized to carry
2 a firearm by the officer's state or local law enforcement agency and is carrying
3 the firearm for legitimate law enforcement purposes; or

4 (5) a member of the Vermont National Guard, of the National Guard of
5 another state, or of the U.S. Armed Forces who is on duty and acting under
6 state or federal orders.

7 (d) Notice of the provisions of this section shall be posted conspicuously at
8 each public entrance to each hospital.

9 (e) As used in this section:

10 (1) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in subsection 4017(d) of this
11 title.

12 (2) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 1902.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.