

H.788: An act relating to technical corrections for the 2020 legislative session
Summary of bill as passed by the House and Senate Government Operations amendment
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Bill: H.788 as passed by the House makes the following technical corrections to the V.S.A.:

- Correcting grammar, spelling errors, typos, capitalization: (Secs. 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 33, 35, 47, 48, 57, 65, 120, 123, 125, 131, 133, 135, 142, 154, 155, 159, 166, 168, 193, 208, 219, 220, 222, 226, 243, 244, 262, 264, 266, 274, 276, 280, 294, 297)
- Eliminating and updating legalese and outdated terms: (Secs. 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 31, 34, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 68, 71, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 103, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 112, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 132, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 145, 146, 151, 153, 155, 162, 164, 165, 166, 167, 169, 178, 183, 207, 209, 210, 211, 213, 214, 215, 216, 218, 223, 224, 225, 228, 230, 231, 234, 235, 236, 238, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 268, 269)
- Adding or deleting subsection/subdivision headings for consistency: (Secs. 8, 58, 63, 72, 79, 86, 87, 179, 180, 188, 191, 192, 193, 196, 204, 232, 233, 237, 239, 241, 254, 265, 268, 271, 283, 291, 292, 295, 298)
- Fixing punctuation: (Secs. 121, 125, 144, 174, 199, 220, 254, 255, 284)
- Correcting or clarifying cross-references, replacing “above” with correct cross-reference, correcting format of cross references: (Secs. 2, 4, 6, 9, 25, 26, 29, 31, 33, 36, 46, 58, 67, 98, 126, 127, 134, 138, 145, 168, 194, 201, 212, 228, 231, 234, 242, 249, 264, 267, 280, 289, 293, 296, 300)
- Formatting lists: (Secs. 270, 284)
- Making changes for consistency and to conform to V.S.A. style: (Secs. 130, 131, 140, 206)
- Updating, clarifying, and correcting names of public entities, officers, and committees: (Secs. 49, 219, 278, 279, 281, 284, 285, 288, 290)
- Changing references to “Legislature” to “General Assembly”: (Secs. 39, 41, 43, 56, 70, 100, 101, 287)
- Correcting terminology for Administrative Procedures Act, including changing “regulations” to “rules” and “promulgated” to “adopted”: (Secs. 15, 16, 17, 24, 35, 37, 38, 42, 44, 45, 53, 109, 113, 129, 170, 171, 172)
- Replacing “person” with “individual” in statutes relating to operation of a motor vehicle and to individuals with disabilities: (Secs. 132, 140, 151, 153, 156, 157, 160, 163, 173, 175, 178, 182, 183, 187, 194, 207, 220, 237, 240, 254)
- Changing “years old” to “years of age”: (Secs. 55, 69, 83, 110, 181, 282, 293)
- Changing “fine” to “civil penalty”: (Secs. 147, 148, 149, 152, 158, 180, 181, 186, 188, 189, 190, 198, 202, 205, 217, 227, 246)
- Changing “insure” to “ensure”: (Secs. 30, 32, 221)

- Correcting subsection/subdivision numbering/lettering: (Secs. 5, 7, 161, 162, 193, 195, 232, 263)
- Deleting subchapter title: (Sec. 124)
- Changing “best interest” to “best interests”: (Secs. 43, 73, 176, 229)
- Repealing chapter on Vermont’s membership in defunct organization: (Sec. 302)
- Correcting or clarifying effective date: (Secs. 27, 299, 301)
- Changing “United States” to “U.S.” when used as modifier: (Secs. 135, 150, 208, 247)
- Changing “driver license” or “drivers license” to “driver’s license”; “operator license” or “operators’ license” to “operator’s license”: (Secs. 135, 253, 254)
- Eliminating unnecessary or redundant language: (Secs 120, 122, 273)

Amendment: The Senate Government Operations Committee amendment proposes to delete Secs. 272, 275, and 277 from the bill as passed by the House. Those sections, amending 26 V.S.A. §§ 373(a), 1400(f), and 1734b(a), respectively, relate to license renewal extensions for podiatrists, physicians, and physician assistants serving in the military if an activation or deployment impedes a licensee’s good faith efforts to make timely application for license renewal. As passed by the House, the proposed changes to those sections would have updated terminology referring to components of the military and made revisions to language regarding military activation and deployment. After the House passed the bill, the Office of Legislative Council was alerted that the proposed revisions to the activation and deployment language could have substantive and unintended effects. The Senate Government Operations Committee proposes to delete those sections from the bill in their entirety to avoid the unintended consequences. The updates to terminology referring to components of the military are being added to other relevant legislation (H.438, the Board of Medical Practice bill, for the podiatrist and physician provisions and S.128, the physician assistant licensure bill, for the physician assistant provision.)