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**Act No. 141 (H.533). Possession and control of regulated drugs; seizure and forfeiture of property; procedure; report**

**An act relating to forfeited property disposition and a study assessing civil and criminal seizure and forfeiture of property in drug-related offenses**

This act creates the Property Seizure and Forfeiture Working Group to study various topics concerning Vermont's use of State and federal processes for the seizure and forfeiture of property in drug-related offenses since 2015. On or before December 15, 2022, the Working Group is required to submit a report on the study in the form of proposed legislation.

The act updates the statutory cross-reference contained in 18 V.S.A. § 4247(a) so that the public sale of forfeited property is no longer governed by a repealed statute. 18 V.S.A. § 4247(b)(1)(B) is also updated to replace the now-defunct Governor's Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Cabinet with the Agency of Administration as the entity that determines how proceeds from the sale of forfeited property are allocated to law enforcement. The act prospectively repeals 18 V.S.A. § 4247(b)(1)(B) on July 1, 2024.

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