

CONFIDENTIAL
LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2014

Bill Number: S 272 Name of Bill: AN ACT RELATING TO DETENTION OF PUBLIC INEBRIATES

Agency/Dept: Vermont State Police Author of Bill Review: Senator Dick Sears

Date of Bill Review: 1/20/2014 Status of Bill: (check one):

☐ Upon Introduction ☒ As passed by 1st body ☐ As passed by both bodies

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** *Describe what the bill is intended to accomplish and why*
This bill proposes to extend the date after which public inebriates will no longer be permitted to be detained in a correctional facility from July 2014 to July 2017
2. **Is there a need for this bill?** *Please explain why or why not*
Yes, Correctional Facilities would begin refusing detention of public inebriates July 2014, causing significant logistical problems for Law Enforcement Agencies as well as Drug and Alcohol screening programs, ie. ACT One and other programs contacted for detox screenings. The correctional facilities provide a safe and supervised environment to the inebriates for detoxification.
3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?**
Currently if the bill passes there would not be any implications at this time
4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?**
Same as #3 for other agencies in State Government
5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *(for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc)*
Currently if the bill passes there would not be any implications at this time
6. **Other Stakeholders:**
 - 6.1. **Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?**
All Law Enforcement agencies and local drug and alcohol Screeners as it provides that Correctional facilities will continue to take custody of inebriates providing a safe environment for them to detox.
 - 6.2. **Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?**
Possibly the correctional facilities because it transfers responsibility of the inebriates safety on to their agency and members.
7. **Rationale for recommendation:** *Justify recommendation stated above.*
Currently Correctional Facilities are staffed 24 /7 and most often have medical staff on the premises. The facilities are equipped to house and feed individuals and supervision is more than adequate to ensure the safety of the inebriates.
8. **Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:** *Not meant to rewrite bill, but rather, an opportunity to identify simple modifications that would change recommended positions.*
None noted

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this documents:

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Date: 2/11/2014

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