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2 Introduced by Representative Till of Jericho

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Professions and occupations; medicine and surgery; nursing

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow physicians, physicians'
7 assistants, and nurses who are authorized to prescribe and dispense prescription
8 drugs and who diagnose a sexually transmitted chlamydia infection in an
9 individual patient to prescribe and dispense those prescription drugs to the
10 patient's sexual partner or partners for the treatment of chlamydia without an
11 examination of the sexual partner or partners.

12 An act relating to the treatment of a partner of a patient diagnosed with
13 chlamydia

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

15 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1369 is added to read:

16 § 1369. TREATMENT OF PARTNER OF PATIENT DIAGNOSED WITH
17 CHLAMYDIA INFECTION

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an individual
19 licensed to practice medicine under this chapter or chapter 33 of this title, an
20 individual certified as a physician's assistant under chapter 31 of this title, or

1 an individual licensed to practice nursing under chapter 28 of this title who is
2 authorized to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs and who diagnoses a
3 sexually transmitted chlamydia infection in an individual patient may prescribe
4 and dispense those prescription drugs to the patient's sexual partner or partners
5 for the treatment of chlamydia without an examination of the sexual partner or
6 partners.

7 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

8 The department of health shall amend the rules of the board of medical
9 practice, and the Vermont state board of nursing shall amend its rules, to be
10 consistent with this act.