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6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Health; health insurance; dental coverage; composite fillings

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require dental insurers to  
10 reimburse dentists the same proportional amount for a composite filling as for  
11 a mercury amalgam filling.

12 An act relating to insurance coverage for restorative dental composite  
13 fillings

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

15 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, subchapter 11 is added to read:

16 Subchapter 11. Dental Coverage

17 § 4100g. COVERAGE FOR RESTORATIVE DENTAL COMPOSITE

18 FILLINGS

19 An insurance plan that provides coverage for dental fillings shall provide  
20 coverage for restorative dental composite fillings to the same extent that it

1 provides coverage for mercury amalgam fillings; provided, however, that in  
2 the event the cost of a restorative dental composite filling exceeds the cost of a  
3 mercury amalgam filling, the plan may impose additional  
4 co-payments or coinsurance, or both, for a restorative dental composite filling  
5 in excess of those associated with a mercury amalgam filling as long as the  
6 amounts charged to the patient for the restorative dental composite filling bear  
7 the same proportion of the cost of the filling materials and procedures as do the  
8 charges for a mercury amalgam filling.

9 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2009 and shall apply to all health  
11 benefit plans, including stand-alone dental benefit plans, on and after  
12 October 1, 2009 on such date as an insurer offers, issues, or renews the health  
13 benefit plan, but in no event later than October 1, 2010.