

1 H.276

2 Introduced by Representative Poirier of Barre City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health care administration; hospitals

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the department of banking,
7 insurance, securities, and health care administration to convene a study of ways
8 to improve efficiency in Vermont's health care delivery system.

9 An act relating to a study on improving health care efficiency

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

11 Sec. 1. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL REDUCTION STUDY

12 (a) The department of banking, insurance, securities, and health care
13 administration shall, in accordance with subdivision 9456(d)(2) of Title 18,
14 convene one or more hospitals or their designated representatives to develop a
15 plan to improve efficiencies in Vermont's health care delivery system. The
16 plan shall address at least the following:

17 (1) merging leadership among Vermont hospitals;

18 (2) suggestions for providing appropriate geographic coverage; and

19 (3) identifying possible cost savings.

1 (b) No later than July 15, 2010, the department shall report on the plan to
2 the house committees on health care and on human services, the senate
3 committee on health and welfare, and the commission on health care reform.

4 (c) The department's expenses incurred in connection with carrying out the
5 purposes of this act shall be recovered from each community hospital located
6 in Vermont in hospital fiscal year 2010. Each hospital's share of the expenses
7 shall be based upon the proportion that their budgeted net revenue bears in
8 relation to all community hospital budgeted net revenues for that fiscal year.