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7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Health; health insurance; ambulance services

10 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require health insurers to pay for
11 health services rendered by an ambulance service even if the insured was not
12 transported.

13 An act relating to health insurance coverage for ambulance services

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

15 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4088i is added to read:

16 § 4088i. MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN AMBULANCE

17 SERVICE

18 (a) As used in this section:

1 (1) “Ambulance service” means a person licensed by the department of
2 health to provide emergency medical treatment and transportation to ill or
3 injured persons.

4 (2) “Health insurance plan” means any health insurance policy or health
5 benefit plan offered by a health insurer, as defined in section 9402 of Title 18,
6 as well as Medicaid, the Vermont health access plan, and any other public
7 health care assistance program offered or administered by the state or by any
8 subdivision or instrumentality of the state. The term shall not include policies
9 or plans providing coverage for specific disease or other limited-benefit
10 coverage.

11 (b) A health insurance plan shall provide coverage for medical care
12 rendered to an insured by an ambulance service regardless of whether the
13 insured was actually transported in the ambulance.