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Introduced by Representatives Partridge of Windham, Conquest of Newbury,
Lawrence of Lyndon, McAllister of Highgate, Stevens of
Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Trieber of Rockingham and
Zagar of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Medicaid; VHAP; farmers

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to waive the 12-month waiting period
to enable farmers to enroll immediately in the Vermont health access plan.

An act relating to farmer eligibility for the Vermont health access plan

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

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1973(d) is amended to read:

(d)(1) An individual who has been enrolled in Catamount Health, with or
without premium assistance, shall not be subject to a 12-month waiting period
before becoming eligible for the Vermont health access plan.

(2) An individual with profits or losses to report on a Schedule F, Profit
or Loss From Farming, shall not be subject to a 12-month waiting period
before becoming eligible for the Vermont health access plan.

1 Sec. 2. GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

2 No later than August 1, 2012, the secretary of human services shall seek
3 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend
4 Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Medicaid Section 1115 waiver to
5 allow Vermont to waive the 12-month waiting period for farmers to become
6 eligible to enroll in the Vermont health access plan.

7 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

8 (a) Sec. 1 of this act shall take effect on approval by the Centers for
9 Medicare and Medicaid Services of the waiver amendment described in Sec. 2
10 of this act.

11 (b) The remainder of this act shall take effect on passage.