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2 Introduced by Senators Pollina, Ashe, Fox, Lyons, and Zuckerman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; sexually transmitted diseases; expedited partner therapy

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enable health
7 care professionals diagnosing a sexually transmitted disease to prescribe and
8 dispense prescription drugs to both the patient and the patient's partner.

9 An act relating to expedited partner therapy

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

11 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1369 is amended to read:

12 § 1369. TREATMENT OF PARTNER OF PATIENT DIAGNOSED WITH

13 ~~CHLAMYDIA INFECTION~~ A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED

14 DISEASE

15 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, an
16 individual licensed to practice medicine under this chapter or chapter 33 of this
17 title, an individual certified as a physician's assistant under chapter 31 of this
18 title, or an individual licensed to practice nursing under chapter 28 of this title
19 who is authorized to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs and who
20 diagnoses a sexually transmitted ~~chlamydia infection~~ disease in an individual

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1 patient may prescribe and dispense those prescription drugs to the patient's
2 sexual partner or partners for the treatment of ~~chlamydia~~ that sexually
3 transmitted disease without an examination of the sexual partner or partners.

4 (b) A health care professional who prescribes prescription drugs to a
5 patient's sexual partner or partners without an examination pursuant to
6 subsection (a) of this section shall include with each such prescription a letter
7 that:

8 (1) cautions the partner not to take the medication if he or she is allergic
9 to the drug prescribed; and

10 (2) recommends that the partner visit a health care professional for an
11 evaluation.

12 (c) As used in this section, "sexually transmitted disease" does not include
13 HIV or AIDS.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.