

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 88 entitled “An act relating to telemedicine services delivered outside a
4 health care facility” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. TELEMEDICINE PILOT PROJECTS

8 Notwithstanding 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, subchapter 14, the Department of
9 Vermont Health Access and the Green Mountain Care Board shall consider
10 implementation of one or more pilot projects using telemedicine in order to
11 expand access to health care services in a cost-efficient manner as part of
12 payment and delivery system reform. In designing pilot projects, the
13 Department and Board shall consider the appropriate scope of services that
14 should be provided through telemedicine outside of a health care facility, the
15 potential costs and changes in access to those services relative to current
16 service delivery, and safeguards to ensure quality of care, patient
17 confidentiality, and information security needed for the pilot projects.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE