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An act relating to health care financing.

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

Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:

§ 2002. DEFINITIONS

~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this chapter:

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(5) “Uncovered employee” means:

(A) an employee of an employer who does not offer to pay any part of the cost of health care coverage for its employees;

(B) an employee who is not eligible for health care coverage offered by an employer to any other employees; or

(C) an employee who is offered and is eligible for coverage by the employer but elects not to accept the coverage and either:

(i) has no other health care coverage under either a private or public plan; or

(ii) has purchased health insurance coverage as an individual through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.

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Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 2003 is amended to read:

§ 2003. HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT

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(b) For any quarter in fiscal years 2007 and 2008, the amount of the ~~health care fund~~ Health Care Fund contribution shall be \$ 91.25 for each full-time equivalent employee in excess of eight. For each fiscal year after fiscal year 2008, the number of excluded full-time equivalent employees shall be adjusted in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, and the amount of the ~~health care fund~~ Health Care Fund contribution shall be adjusted by a percentage equal to any percentage change in premiums for ~~Catamount Health for that fiscal year; provided, however, that to the extent that Catamount Health~~ Catamount Health premiums decrease due to changes in benefit design or deductible amounts, the ~~health care fund contribution shall not be decreased by the percentage change attributable to such benefit design or deductible changes~~ the second lowest cost silver-level plan in the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.

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(d) Revenues from the ~~health care fund~~ Health Care Fund contributions collected shall be deposited into the state ~~health care resources fund~~ Health Care Resources Fund established under 33 V.S.A. § 1901d.

### Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.