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Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Batchelor of Derby, Burditt of West Rutland, Donahue of Northfield, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Krowinski of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, and Trieber of Rockingham move that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 3, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 3. 21 V.S.A. § 640c is added to read:

§ 640c. OPIOID USAGE DETERRENCE

(a) In support of the State’s fundamental interest in ensuring the well-being of employees and employers, it is the intent of the General Assembly to protect employees from the dangers of prescription drug abuse while maintaining a balance between the employee’s health and the employee’s expedient return to work.

(b) As it pertains to workers’ compensation claims, the Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Health, the State Pharmacologist, the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, and the Vermont Medical Society, shall adopt rules, consistent with the best practices, governing the prescription of opioids, including patient screening and drug screening for patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain. In adopting rules, the Commissioner shall consider guidelines and standards published by the

1 American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and other
2 medical authorities with expertise in the treatment of chronic pain. The rules
3 shall be consistent with the standards and guidelines provided under 18 V.S.A.
4 § 4289 and any rules adopted by the Department of Health pursuant to
5 18 V.S.A § 4289.

6 Second: In Sec. 11, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting
7 in lieu thereof two new sections to read:

8 Sec. 11. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 75, Sec. 14 is amended as follows:

9 Sec. 14. UNIFIED PAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ADVISORY

10 COUNCIL

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12 (b) The Unified Pain Management System Advisory Council shall consist
13 of the following members:

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15 (4) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;

16 (5) the Director of the Blueprint for Health or designee;

17 ~~(5)~~(6) the Chair of the Board of Medical Practice or designee, who shall
18 be a clinician;

19 ~~(6)~~(7) a representative of the Vermont State Dental Society, who shall
20 be a dentist;

1 ~~(7)~~(8) a representative of the Vermont Board of Pharmacy, who shall be
2 a pharmacist;

3 ~~(8)~~(9) a faculty member of the academic detailing program at the
4 University of Vermont's College of Medicine;

5 ~~(9)~~(10) a faculty member of the University of Vermont's College of
6 Medicine with expertise in the treatment of addiction or chronic pain
7 management;

8 ~~(10)~~(11) a representative of the Vermont Medical Society, who shall be
9 a primary care clinician;

10 ~~(11)~~(12) a representative of the American Academy of Family
11 Physicians, Vermont chapter, who shall be a primary care clinician;

12 ~~(12)~~(13) a representative from the Vermont Board of Osteopathic
13 Physicians, who shall be an osteopath;

14 ~~(13)~~(14) a representative of the Federally Qualified Health Centers, who
15 shall be a primary care clinician selected by the Bi-State Primary Care
16 Association;

17 ~~(14)~~(15) a representative of the Vermont Ethics Network;

18 ~~(15)~~(16) a representative of the Hospice and Palliative Care Council of
19 Vermont;

20 ~~(16)~~(17) a representative of the Office of the Health Care Ombudsman;

1 ~~(17)~~(18) the Medical Director for the Department of Vermont Health
2 Access;

3 ~~(18)~~(19) a clinician who works in the emergency department of a
4 hospital, to be selected by the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health
5 Systems in consultation with any nonmember hospitals;

6 ~~(19)~~(20) a member of the Vermont Board of Nursing Subcommittee on
7 APRN Practice, who shall be an advanced practice registered nurse;

8 ~~(20)~~(21) a representative from the Vermont Assembly of Home Health
9 and Hospice Agencies;

10 ~~(21)~~(22) a psychologist licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 55 who
11 has experience in treating chronic pain, to be selected by the Board of
12 Psychological Examiners;

13 ~~(22)~~(23) a drug and alcohol abuse counselor licensed pursuant to
14 33 V.S.A. chapter 8, to be selected by the Deputy Commissioner of Health for
15 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs;

16 ~~(23)~~(24) a retail pharmacist, to be selected by the Vermont Pharmacists
17 Association;

18 ~~(24)~~(25) an advanced practice registered nurse full-time faculty member
19 from the University of Vermont's Department of Nursing; and

