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2	Senator Ashe moves that the Senate concur with the House Proposal of
3	Amendment with further proposal of amendment by striking out all after the
4	enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
5	Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:
6	§ 2002. DEFINITIONS
7	For the purposes of As used in this chapter:
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9	(5) "Uncovered employee" means:
10	(A) an employee of an employer who does not offer to pay any part
11	of the cost of health care coverage for its employees;
12	(B) an employee who is not eligible for health care coverage offered
13	by an employer to any other employees; or
14	(C) an employee who is offered and is eligible for coverage by the
15	employer but elects not to accept the coverage and either:
16	(i) has no other health care coverage under either a private or
17	public plan; or
18	(ii) has purchased health insurance coverage as an individual
19	through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.
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1	Sec 2	21	VSA	8 2003 is	amended	to read:
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§ 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 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.

1	Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 1811(1) is added to read:
2	(l)(1) A registered carrier shall include in its rates filed pursuant to
3	8 V.S.A. § 4062 an administrative charge of one percent of projected premium
4	costs on plans sold in the Exchange to fund the operation of the Exchange.
5	The Green Mountain Care Board shall finalize the amount of the
6	administrative charge and include the amount in the approved rate.
7	(2)(A) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall retain the
8	amount of the administrative charge from premiums collected through the
9	Exchange and shall deposit the funds collected pursuant to this section in the
10	State Health Care Resources Fund established by section 1901d of this title.
11	Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be used only for purposes related
12	to the operation of the Exchange.
13	(B) The Department shall, in collaboration with registered carriers,
14	develop a mechanism for collecting any premiums paid by individuals directly
15	to a registered carrier.
16	(3) The Exchange website shall clearly indicate the amount of the
17	administrative charge included in the premium for each health benefit plan
18	offered through the Exchange.
19	Sec. 4. EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE REPORTING
20	(a) The Governor's budget submitted to the General Assembly in
21	accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 306 for fiscal year 2016 shall include the

1	estimated budget for the Exchange for that fiscal year and the estimated
2	amount of the administrative charge to be imposed pursuant to 33 V.S.A.
3	§ 1811(1) beginning on January 1, 2016, based on premium rates approved by
4	the Green Mountain Care Board.
5	(b) On or before February 1, 2017, the Department of Vermont Health
6	Access shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Ways and
7	Means, the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance, and the
8	House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding the revenues
9	collected pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1811(1), including recommendations for any
10	needed modifications to the amount of the administrative charge.
11	Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES
12	(a) Secs. 1 (employer assessment definition), 2 (employer assessment
13	fund), and 4 (exchange surcharge reporting) of this act and this section shall
14	take effect on January 1, 2014.
15	(b) Sec. 3 (exchange surcharge) of this act shall take effect on January 1,
16	2015 to incorporate into rate review for insurance plans with coverage
17	beginning January 1, 2016.
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19	and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act relating
20	to health care financing"