

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 152 entitled “An act relating to the Green Mountain Care Board’s rate review
4 authority” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the report of the Committee on Health Care be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 13, 18 V.S.A. chapter 229, in subsection 9603(c), preceding
7 the word “retaliatory”, by striking out the words “disciplinary or”

8 Second: In Sec. 13, 18 V.S.A. chapter 229, by striking out § 9607 in its
9 entirety

10 Third: In Sec. 21, 18 V.S.A. § 9374(h), by adding a subdivision (4) to read:

11 (4) Financial support for the Office of the Health Care Advocate
12 established pursuant to chapter 229 of this title for services related to the
13 Board’s regulatory and supervisory duties shall be considered expenses
14 incurred by the Board under this subsection and shall be an acceptable use of
15 the funds realized pursuant to this subsection.

16 Fourth: In Sec. 22, 18 V.S.A. § 9415, by adding a subsection (d) to read:

17 (d) Financial support for the Office of the Health Care Advocate
18 established pursuant to chapter 229 of this title for services related to the
19 Department’s regulatory and supervisory duties shall be considered expenses
20 incurred by the Department under this subsection and shall be an acceptable
21 use of the funds realized pursuant to this subsection.

1 Fifth: By striking out Sec. 28, Rate filings for 2014, in its entirety and
2 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 28 to read:

3 Sec. 28. OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE BUDGET;

4 INTENT

5 (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2015, the Governor’s budget submitted to the
6 General Assembly in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 306 shall include a separate
7 line item within the Agency of Administration for the Office of the Health
8 Care Advocate program and related program costs and shall specify the sums
9 appropriated for the program’s actuarial services.

10 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Office of the Health
11 Care Advocate shall maximize the amount of federal and grant funds available
12 to support the activities of the Office.

13 Fifth: By striking out Sec. 30, Appropriation, in its entirety

14 Sixth: By renumbering Sec. 31, Applicability and Effective Dates, to be
15 Sec. 30 and by striking subsections (b)–(d) in their entirety and inserting in lieu
16 thereof the following:

17 (b) Secs. 13–20 (Office of the Health Care Advocate) and 28 (budget) of
18 this act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

19 (c) The remaining sections of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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(Committee vote: _____)

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