

1 S.252

2 Representative Sharpe of Bristol moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

4 First: By adding new Secs. 11a and 11b to read as follows:

5 Sec. 11a. 21 V.S.A. § 2001 is amended to read:

6 § 2001. PURPOSE

7 For the purpose of more equitably distributing the costs of health care to
8 uninsured residents of this ~~state~~ State, an employers' health care fund
9 contribution is established to provide a fair and reasonable method for sharing
10 health care costs with employers who do not offer their employees health care
11 coverage and employers who offer insurance but whose employees enroll in
12 Medicaid.

13 Sec. 11b. 21 V.S.A. § 2002 is amended to read:

14 § 2002. DEFINITIONS

15 As used in this chapter:

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17 (5) "Uncovered employee" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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8 Second: In Sec. 36, effective dates, in subdivision (1), following the
9 semicolon, by striking the word “and”; in subdivision (2), following the word
10 “date”, by inserting a semicolon and the word and; and by adding a subdivision
11 (3) to read as follows:

12 (3) Sec. 11b shall take effect on July 1, 2014 and shall apply beginning
13 the first quarter of fiscal year 2015.