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2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; prescription drugs; hospitals; long-term care facilities;

6 pharmacies

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require

8 hospitals and long-term care facilities to communicate discharge prescriptions

9 and a discharge medication summary directly to the pharmacy of the patient's

10 choice.

11 An act relating to health care facility discharge prescriptions

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

13 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 4 is added to read:

14 Subchapter 4. Health Care Facilities

15 § 4641. DEFINITIONS

16 As used in this subchapter:

17 (1) "Hospital" shall have the same meaning as in section 1902 of this

18 title.

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1           (2) “Long-term care facility” means an assisted living residence, nursing  
2           home, residential care home, or therapeutic community residence, as those  
3           terms are defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102.

4           (3) “Pharmacy” means any individual or entity licensed or registered  
5           under 26 V.S.A. chapter 36.

6           § 4642. DISCHARGE PRESCRIPTIONS

7           (a) Upon discharging a patient from a hospital or long-term care facility,  
8           the hospital or long-term care facility shall communicate all discharge  
9           prescriptions and a summary of the patient’s discharge medications directly to  
10           the pharmacy of the patient’s choice.

11           (b) A hospital or long-term care facility that fails to communicate the  
12           information required by subsection (a) of this section may be subject to  
13           disciplinary action by the appropriate licensing authority.

14           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.