No. 67 2016

## No. 67. An act relating to seeking a waiver to permit businesses to continue to purchase Exchange plans directly from insurers.

(H.524)

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

Sec. 1. SHOP WAIVER

The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access, with assistance from the

Director of Health Care Reform, shall seek a waiver under Section 1332 of the

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended

by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L.

No. 111-152, for the purpose of waiving the federal requirement to establish an

Internet-based Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and permitting

qualified employers to purchase qualified health benefit plans offered by the

Vermont Health Benefit Exchange directly from a registered carrier.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: February 24, 2016