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An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as participating providers in Medicaid

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 26 V.S.A. § 3242, by striking out the word “is” after “regardless of whether the counselor” and inserting in lieu thereof works for

Second: By inserting a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. LICENSURE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

(a) The Department of Health’s Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) and the Secretary of State’s Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) shall work collaboratively to develop and propose to the General Assembly a plan to move the licensure of alcohol and drug abuse counselors from the purview of ADAP to that of OPR. The plan shall include the statutory amendments necessary to conform to OPR’s regulatory structure and the positions necessary to implement the program. ADAP and OPR shall jointly submit the plan to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government Operations and the House Committees on Human Services and on Government Operations on or before January 15, 2016.

(b) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605(b)(2), ADAP and OPR shall recommend for inclusion in the Governor’s fiscal year 2017 Executive Branch fee report a licensure fee for alcohol and drug abuse counselors that offsets the cost to OPR of assuming oversight of this profession.

And by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct