

1 S.245

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

4 First: By adding two new sections to be Secs. 3 and 4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 1905a is added to read:

6 § 1905a. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO CERTAIN OUTPATIENT

7 PROVIDERS

8 (a) To the extent permitted under federal law, the Department of Vermont  
9 Health Access shall not use provider-based billing for outpatient medical  
10 services provided at an off-campus outpatient department of a hospital as a  
11 result of the provider’s transfer to or acquisition by the hospital.

12 (b) As used in this section, “off-campus” means a facility located more  
13 than 250 yards from the main hospital campus.

14 Sec. 4. PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT; REPORT

15 The Green Mountain Care Board shall consider the advisability and  
16 feasibility of expanding to commercial health insurers the prohibition on any  
17 increased reimbursement rates or provider-based billing for health care  
18 providers newly transferred to or acquired by a hospital as described in Sec. 3  
19 of this act. On or before February 1, 2017, the Green Mountain Care Board  
20 shall report its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on  
21 Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on

1 Finance, including its recommendations for the process and timing of  
2 implementation of any recommended reimbursement restrictions.

3 And by renumbering the existing Sec. 3, reducing payment differentials;  
4 guidance and implementation; report, to be Sec. 5 and the existing Sec. 4,  
5 effective dates, to be Sec. 6

6 Second: In the newly renumbered Sec. 6, effective dates, by striking out  
7 subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof two new subsections  
8 to be subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

9 (b) Sec. 3 (33 V.S.A. § 1905a) shall take effect on July 1, 2016 and shall  
10 apply to all providers transferred to or acquired by a hospital on or after that  
11 date.

12 (c) Secs. 4 and 5 (Green Mountain Care Board reports) and this section  
13 shall take effect on passage.