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Introduced by Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Buxton of Tunbridge,
Dakin of Chester, McCormack of Burlington, Mrowicki of
Putney, and Young of Glover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; pharmacies; prescription drugs; disposal

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require all
pharmacies to accept and dispose of unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

An act relating to unused drug disposal at pharmacies

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 84, subchapter 4 is added to read:

Subchapter 4. Prescription Drug Disposal

§ 4261. PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL AT PHARMACIES

All Vermont pharmacies shall accept unused or unwanted prescription
drugs at no charge to the consumer, regardless of whether the consumer
purchased the drugs from the pharmacy or is a current or former customer of
the pharmacy. The pharmacy shall comply with all federal laws and U.S. Drug
Enforcement Agency regulations and guidance regarding appropriate disposal
of unused or unwanted prescription drugs obtained pursuant to this section.

1 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

2 The Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with the Department of Health,
3 shall adopt rules regarding the acceptance and disposal of prescription drugs by
4 pharmacies pursuant to this act, including incorporation of federal laws and
5 U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency regulations and guidance, as appropriate.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017, provided that the Board of
8 Pharmacy shall commence the rulemaking process upon passage in order to
9 ensure that the rules for acceptance and disposal of prescription drugs are in
10 place prior to that date.