

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill No.  
3 20 entitled “An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as  
4 participating providers in Medicaid” respectfully reports that it has considered  
5 the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be  
6 amended as follows:

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

9 Second: By inserting a new Sec. 2 after Sec. 1 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 2. LICENSURE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

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

1           (b) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605(b)(2), ADAP and OPR shall  
2           recommend for inclusion in the Governor’s fiscal year 2017 Executive Branch  
3           fee report a licensure fee for alcohol and drug abuse counselors that offsets the  
4           cost to OPR of assuming oversight of this profession.  
5           and by renumbering the existing Sec. 2 to be Sec. 3

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8           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE