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S. 258 – An Act Relating to Access to Treatment for Patients with Terminal Illness

The Bill Proposes to provide access to experimental medical treatment for patients with terminal illness. Based on discussions with the two major insurance carriers in Vermont, this legislation should pose no fiscal impact on the state budget, particularly as it impacts the state employee health insurance plan since it does not require health insurance coverage for such treatments.

One stakeholder raised the concern that while the language states that an insurer is not required to provide coverage for the drug, it does not specify that an insurer is not required to provide treatment consequent to use of the drug. This is an issue the committees of jurisdiction may want to address.