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2 Introduced by Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Pearson of Burlington,  
3 Donahue of Northfield, Bancroft of Westford, Briglin of  
4 Thetford, Dakin of Chester, Gage of Rutland City, Morris of  
5 Bennington, Patt of Worcester, Poirier of Barre City, and  
6 Woodward of Johnson

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Health; health insurance; Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; waiver

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the  
11 Commissioner of Vermont Health Access to seek a federal waiver that would  
12 permit Vermont businesses to continue purchasing Vermont Health Benefit  
13 Exchange plans directly from the health insurance carriers.

14 An act relating to seeking a waiver to permit businesses to continue to  
15 purchase Exchange plans directly from insurers

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

17 ~~Sec. 1. SHOP WAIVER~~

18 ~~The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access, with assistance from the~~  
19 ~~Director of Health Care Reform, shall seek a waiver under Section 1332 of the~~  
20 ~~Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended~~

1 ~~by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L.~~  
2 ~~No. 111-152, that would waive the federal requirement to establish an~~  
3 ~~Internet-based Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and permit~~  
4 ~~qualified employers to purchase qualified health benefit plans offered by the~~  
5 ~~Vermont Health Benefit Exchange directly from a registered carrier.~~

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

*Sec. 1. SHOP WAIVER*

*The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access, with assistance from the  
Director of Health Care Reform, shall seek a waiver under Section 1332 of the  
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended  
by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L.  
No. 111-152, for the purpose of waiving the federal requirement to establish  
an Internet-based Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and  
permitting qualified employers to purchase qualified health benefit plans  
offered by the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange directly from a registered  
carrier.*

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