

1 S.244

2 Introduced by Senators Ashe and Sirotkin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; hospitals; costs

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require all
7 Vermont hospitals to create tools for determining the actual costs of each
8 aspect of their health care delivery.

9 An act relating to determining hospital costs

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

11 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9405c is added to read:

12 § 9405c. HOSPITAL COST ANALYSIS TOOLS

13 (a) In order to contain health care spending and ensure the success of
14 payment reform efforts, including accountable care organizations and shared
15 savings programs, it is essential to know the actual costs of delivering health
16 care.

17 (b) Each hospital licensed under chapter 43 of this title shall create a tool
18 providing access to real-time, accurate costing data for each aspect of a
19 patient's interaction with the hospital, including costs attributable to health
20 care provider and staff labor, medication, supplies, equipment, and facility

1 usage. The tool shall allow for adjustments to reflect the severity of a case and
2 the length of a patient visit. Each hospital shall have its costing tool ready for
3 deployment on or before October 1, 2017 and shall use the tool to collect and
4 analyze data and to inform its health care delivery and business practices.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.