

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 60 entitled “An act relating to payment for medical examinations for victims of
4 sexual assault” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, 8 V.S.A. § 4089, by striking out subsection (a) in its
7 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 (a) A health insurer shall not impose any co-payment or coinsurance or, to
9 the extent permitted under federal law, deductible or other cost-sharing
10 requirement for the sexual assault examination of a victim of alleged sexual
11 assault for health care services associated with specific procedure codes
12 identified in a memorandum of understanding between the health insurer and
13 the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services.

14 Second: In Sec. 4, confidentiality; memorandum of understanding, by
15 striking out the introductory paragraph in its entirety and inserting in lieu
16 thereof the following:

17 On or before August 1, 2015, the Department of Vermont Health Access,
18 the three private insurers with the greatest number of covered lives in this
19 State, and the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services shall enter into a
20 memorandum of understanding to ensure that:

1 Third: By striking out Sec. 5, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in
2 lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) Secs. 1 (insurance coverage for victims of sexual assault) and 3 (costs
5 borne by the State) shall take effect on October 1, 2015, except that the
6 Victims' Compensation Fund shall reimburse health care facilities and health
7 care providers at 60 percent of billed charges beginning on the date of passage
8 of this act.

9 (b) Secs. 2 (health care services for uninsured crime victims) and 4
10 (confidentiality; memorandum of understanding) and this section shall take
11 effect on passage.

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18 (Committee vote: 5-0-0)

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Senator McCormack

FOR THE COMMITTEE