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Derby, Belaski of Windsor, Bock of Chester, Browning of
Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford,
Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown
Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford,
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Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of
Winooski, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Randolph,
Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of
Middlesex, Joseph of North Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City,
LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lucke of
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Murphy of Fairfax, Nolan of Morristown, Noyes of Wolcott,
Ode of Burlington, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of
Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Poirier of Barre City,
Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrel of Underhill, Stuart of
Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of
South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City,

1 Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka
2 of Charlotte

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health insurance; mammography; cost-sharing

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require health
7 insurance plans to cover all breast imaging services without imposing cost-
8 sharing requirements.

9 An act relating to banning cost-sharing for all breast imaging services

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

11 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4100a is amended to read:

12 § 4100a. MAMMOGRAMS AND OTHER BREAST IMAGING SERVICES;

13 COVERAGE REQUIRED

14 (a) Insurers shall provide coverage for screening by mammography and for
15 other breast imaging services upon recommendation of a health care provider
16 as needed to detect the presence of ~~oecult~~ breast cancer and other abnormalities
17 of the breast or breast tissue, as provided by this subchapter. Benefits provided
18 shall cover the full cost of ~~the~~ mammography ~~service~~ and other breast imaging
19 services and shall not be subject to any co-payment, deductible, coinsurance,
20 or other cost-sharing requirement or additional charge.

1 (b) ~~For females 40 years or older, coverage shall be provided for an annual~~
2 ~~screening. For females less than 40 years of age, coverage for screening shall~~
3 ~~be provided upon recommendation of a health care provider. [Repealed.]~~

4 (c) ~~After January 1, 1994, this~~ This section shall apply only to screening
5 procedures conducted by test facilities accredited by the American College of
6 Radiologists.

7 (d) As used in this subchapter:

8 (1) “Insurer” means any insurance company ~~which~~ that provides health
9 insurance as defined in subdivision 3301(a)(2) of this title, nonprofit hospital
10 and medical service corporations, and health maintenance organizations. The
11 term does not apply to coverage for specified ~~disease~~ diseases or other limited
12 benefit coverage.

13 (2) “Mammography” means the x-ray examination of the breast using
14 equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including the x-ray tube,
15 filter, compression device, screens, films, and cassettes.

16 (3) “Other breast imaging services” includes diagnostic mammography,
17 ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging, and other imaging services and
18 technologies that enable health care providers to detect the presence or absence
19 of breast cancer and other abnormalities affecting the breast or breast tissue.

1 (4) “Screening” includes the mammography test procedure and a
2 qualified physician’s interpretation of the results of the procedure, including
3 additional views and interpretation as needed.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2018 and shall apply to all health
6 insurance plans issued on and after October 1, 2018 on such date as a health
7 insurer offers, issues, or renews the health insurance plan, but in no event later
8 than October 1, 2019.