

1 S.45

2 Introduced by Senators Lyons and Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; prescription drugs; health care providers; gift ban

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
7 manufacturers of prescribed products to provide buffet meals, snacks, soft
8 drinks, and coffee to Vermont health care providers if they are made generally
9 available to all participants at large-scale conferences and seminars and other
10 large-scale events.

11 An act relating to providing meals to health care providers at conferences

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

13 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4631a is amended to read:

14 § 4631a. EXPENDITURES BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIBED
15 PRODUCTS

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17 (b)(1) It is unlawful for any manufacturer of a prescribed product or any
18 wholesale distributor of medical devices, or any agent thereof, to offer or give
19 any gift to a health care provider or to a member of the Green Mountain Care
20 Board established in chapter 220 of this title.

1 (2) The prohibition set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall
2 not apply to any of the following:

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4 (K) The provision of buffet meals, snacks, soft drinks, or coffee ~~or~~
5 ~~other snacks or refreshments at a booth at a~~ made generally available to all
6 participants of a large-scale conference or seminar or similar large-scale event.

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8 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 4632 is amended to read:

9 § 4632. DISCLOSURE OF ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES AND GIFTS

10 BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS

11 (a)(1) Annually on or before April 1 of each year, every manufacturer of
12 prescribed products shall disclose to the ~~office of the attorney general~~ Office of
13 the Attorney General for the preceding calendar year the value, nature,
14 purpose, and recipient information of any allowable expenditure or gift
15 permitted under subdivision 4631a(b)(2) of this title to any health care provider
16 or to a member of the Green Mountain Care ~~board~~ Board established in chapter
17 220 of this title, except:

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19 (v) buffet meals, snacks, soft drinks, or coffee ~~or other snacks or~~
20 ~~refreshments at a booth at a~~ made generally available to all participants of a
21 large-scale conference or seminar or similar large-scale event;

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on passage.