

1 S.163

2 Introduced by Senator Ayer

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; Agency of Human Services; prescription drugs; pharmacy
6 benefit management

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
8 Agency of Human Services to explore opportunities to work with other states
9 to create a public pharmacy benefit management program.

10 An act relating to creation of a multistate public pharmacy benefit
11 management program

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

13 Sec. 1. PUBLIC PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM;

14 REPORT

15 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall explore opportunities to work
16 with other states to create a public pharmacy benefit management program in
17 order to contain prescription drug costs, determine prescription drug
18 formularies, and increase the transparency of pharmacy benefit management
19 for all individuals enrolled in health benefit programs offered by or on behalf
20 of the State, including Medicaid and the State Employees' Health Benefit Plan.

1 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Agency of Human Services shall
2 report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on
3 Health and Welfare and on Finance regarding the results of its investigation,
4 including identification of other states interested in partnering in a regional or
5 nationwide multistate public pharmacy benefit management program, an
6 analysis of the potential benefits and limitations of such a partnership, a
7 determination of the feasibility of implementing the program, a
8 recommendation on whether to expand the program to allow contracts with
9 private health insurance plans, and a proposed time frame for implementation
10 of the program.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.