

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred Senate Bill No. 282
3 entitled “An act relating to health care providers participating in Vermont’s
4 Medicaid program” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, Medicaid provider screening and enrollment, by striking
8 out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection
9 (b) to read as follows:

10 (b) In the event that the Department of Vermont Health Access will be
11 unable to meet the 60-day time frame required by subsection (a) of this section
12 by July 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall convene a
13 meeting of interested stakeholders, including organizations representing health
14 care providers and health care facilities, on or before February 1, 2019, to
15 provide an update regarding the status of the Department’s provider screening
16 and enrollment efforts, including identifying the remaining barriers and any
17 additional resources needed for the Department to be able to process
18 applications within 60 days following receipt and providing an alternative date
19 by which the Department expects to begin meeting the 60-day time frame
20 requirement.

1 Second: In Sec. 2, Medicaid participating provider concerns; report, by
2 striking out “; REPORT” in the section heading and by striking out subsection
3 (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as
4 follows:

5 (b) On or before December 15, 2018, the Commissioner of Vermont Health
6 Access shall convene a meeting of interested stakeholders to provide a
7 summary of the Department’s responses to participating providers’ concerns
8 regarding the Medicaid program and its administration and of the
9 Department’s findings regarding the potential for making changes to the
10 Medicaid fraud and abuse statutes and for creating an exception to recoupment
11 as described in subsection (a) of this section.

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14 (Committee vote: _____)

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16 Representative _____
17 FOR THE COMMITTEE