

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred House Bill No. 184  
3 entitled “An act relating to evaluation of suicide profiles” respectfully reports  
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by  
5 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the  
6 following:

7 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 7260 is added to read:

8 § 7260. EVALUATION OF SUICIDE PROFILES

9 (a) To the extent permitted under federal law, the Secretary of Human  
10 Services shall annually identify and collect information related to each death  
11 by suicide occurring in the State, including data from the Vermont Vital  
12 Statistics Program. The Agency shall use data collected by the Secretary to  
13 assess individual deaths by suicide for the purposes of:

14 (1) determining trends and patterns of suicide deaths;

15 (2) identifying and evaluating the prevalence of risk factors for  
16 preventable deaths;

17 (3) evaluating high-risk factors, current practices, gaps in systematic  
18 responses, and barriers to safety and well-being for individuals at risk for  
19 suicide;

20 (4) informing the implementation of suicide prevention activities and  
21 supporting the prioritization of suicide prevention resources and activities; and

1           (5) recommending improvement to the sources of data relative to  
2           investigating reported suicide deaths and preventing suicide.

3           (b) On or before February 15 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a  
4           report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House  
5           Committee on Health Care regarding its findings and recommendations  
6           pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Reports produced by the Secretary  
7           shall not contain any personally identifying information.

8           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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12           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE