

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred Senate Bill No. 203  
3 entitled “An act relating to systemic improvements of the mental health  
4 system” respectfully reports that it has considered the Senate Proposal of  
5 Amendment to the House Proposal of Amendment and recommends that the  
6 House concur with further proposal of amendment as follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 4 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the  
8 following:

9 Sec. 4. WAIVER OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS

10 Notwithstanding any provisions of 18 V.S.A. chapter 221, subchapter 5 to  
11 the contrary:

12 (1) the implementation of renovations at the Brattleboro Retreat as  
13 authorized in the fiscal year 2019 capital budget adjustment bill shall not be  
14 considered a “new health care project” for which a certificate of need is  
15 required; and

16 (2) the proposal by the University of Vermont Health Network to  
17 expand psychiatric inpatient capacity at the Central Vermont Medical Center  
18 campus shall be exempt from the requirement to secure a conceptual  
19 development phase certificate of need pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9434(c) if the  
20 University of Vermont Health Network:

1           (A) consults with the Secretary of Human Services in identifying the  
2           appropriate number and type of additional inpatient beds needed in the State;

3           (B) ensures that the planning process for designing its proposed  
4           expansion of inpatient psychiatric bed capacity at the Central Vermont Medical  
5           Center campus includes broad stakeholder input, including from patients and  
6           providers; and

7           (C) works with the Green Mountain Care Board for ongoing  
8           oversight of expenditures.

9           Second: In Sec. 9, amending 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 82, Sec. 3(c), by  
10          striking out the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11          The evaluation process shall include such stakeholder involvement in working  
12          toward an articulation of a common, long-term vision of full integration of  
13          mental health services within a comprehensive and holistic health care system.

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16          (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE