

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 175 entitled “An act relating to the wholesale importation of prescription drugs
4 into Vermont, bulk purchasing, and the impact of prescription drug costs on
5 health insurance premiums” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
6 and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill as amended
7 by the Committee on Health and Welfare be further amended as follows:

8 First: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 4, in 18 V.S.A. § 4651(a),
9 by striking out subdivision (7) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
10 subdivision (7) to read as follows:

11 (7) recommend a charge per prescription or another method of support
12 to ensure that the program is funded adequately in a manner that does not
13 jeopardize significant consumer savings; and

14 Second: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 4, in 18 V.S.A. § 4651,
15 in subsection (b), by striking out “House Committee on Health Care” and
16 inserting in lieu thereof “House Committees on Health Care and on Ways and
17 Means”

18 Third: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 4, by inserting a new 18
19 V.S.A. § 4654 to read as follows:

1 § 4654. PROGRAM FINANCING

2 The Agency of Human Services shall not implement the wholesale
3 prescription drug importation program until the General Assembly enacts
4 legislation establishing a charge per prescription or another method of financial
5 support for the program.

6 and by redesignating the remaining sections of the subchapter to be
7 numerically correct

8 Fourth: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 4, in the redesignated
9 18 V.S.A. § 4655 (implementation provisions), by striking out the first
10 sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 Upon the last to occur of the General Assembly enacting a method of
12 financial support pursuant to section 4654 of this chapter and receipt of
13 certification and approval by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health
14 and Human Services, the Agency of Human Services shall begin
15 implementation of the wholesale prescription drug importation program and
16 shall begin operating the program within six months.

17 Fifth: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 4, in the redesignated
18 18 V.S.A. § 4656 (annual reporting), in subsection (a), by striking out “House
19 Committee on Health Care” and inserting in lieu thereof “House Committees
20 on Health Care and on Ways and Means”

1 Sixth: In Sec. 2, wholesale importation program; condition for
2 implementation, by striking out “CONDITION FOR IMPLEMENTATION”
3 following the semicolon in the section heading and inserting in lieu thereof
4 “DESIGN CONTINGENT ON FUNDING” and, following “design”, by
5 striking out “and commence implementation of”

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