

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, in 18 V.S.A. § 4651(a), by striking  
9 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, in 18 V.S.A. § 4651, in subsection  
15 (b), by striking out “House Committee on Health Care” and inserting in lieu  
16 thereof “House Committees on Health Care and on Ways and Means”

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

19 § 4654. PROGRAM FINANCING

20 The Agency of Human Services shall not implement the wholesale  
21 prescription drug importation program until the General Assembly enacts

1 legislation establishing a charge per prescription or another method of financial  
2 support for the program.

3 and by redesignating the remaining sections of the chapter to be numerically  
4 correct

5 Third: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, in the redesignated 18 V.S.A.  
6 § 4655 (implementation provisions), by striking out the first sentence and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

14 Fourth: In Sec. 2, wholesale importation program; condition for  
15 implementation, by striking out “CONDITION FOR IMPLEMENTATION”  
16 following the semicolon in the section heading and inserting in lieu thereof  
17 “DESIGN CONTINGENT ON FUNDING” and, following “design”, by  
18 striking out “and commence implementation of”

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1 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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