

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 404 entitled “An act relating to Medicaid reimbursements for long-acting
4 reversible contraceptives” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended
6 by striking out Sec. 2, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
7 the following:

8 Sec. 2. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN OVER-THE-COUNTER
9 CONTRACEPTIVES; REPORT

10 (a) Each health insurer offering qualified health benefit plans through the
11 Vermont Health Benefit Exchange shall, in consultation with its pharmacy
12 benefit manager, if any, determine how to provide coverage for over-the-
13 counter oral contraceptives and over-the-counter emergency contraceptives in
14 its Exchange and non-Exchange plans without requiring a prescription and
15 without imposing cost-sharing requirements.

16 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, each health insurer shall report to the
17 House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and
18 Welfare and on Finance on how it could provide coverage for over-the-counter
19 oral and emergency contraceptives in its health insurance plans without a
20 prescription or cost-sharing, including any estimated impact on health

1 insurance premiums, and whether the insurer intends to add this benefit to any
2 or all of its health insurance plans.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) Sec. 1 (Medicaid reimbursement) shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

5 (b) Sec. 2 (over-the-counter contraceptives) and this section shall take
6 effect on passage.

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Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE