

1 S.164

2 Introduced by Senator Ayer

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; prescription drugs; Agency of Human Services; Unused

6 Prescription Drug Repository Program

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Agency of Human Services to study on the costs and benefits of an Unused
9 Prescription Drug Repository Program to accept unused prescription drugs and
10 supplies and donate them to Vermont residents who meet eligibility standards.

11 An act relating to a study in order to examine establishing an Unused
12 Prescription Drug Repository Program

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM;

15 AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; FEASIBILITY STUDY;

16 REPORT

17 (a) Study. The Agency of Human Services shall, in consultation with the
18 Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Practice, and after making
19 reasonable efforts to consult with representatives from Vermont pharmacies,
20 hospitals, long term care facilities, and other health care facilities, evaluate the

1 feasibility of adopting and implementing an Unused Prescription Drug
2 Repository Program to accept and dispense donated prescription drugs and
3 supplies to Vermont residents who meet eligibility standards. In determining
4 the feasibility of an Unused Prescription Drug Repository Program, the
5 Agency of Human Services shall consider:

6 (1) Cost of implementing and administering the program, including
7 through a contractual arrangement with a third party;

8 (2) Funding source(s) to support the program;

9 (3) Requirements for pharmacies, hospitals, long term care facilities,
10 and other health care facilities to accept and dispense donated prescription
11 drugs and supplies, including the following:

12 (A) eligibility criteria for participation by pharmacies, hospitals, and
13 other health care facilities;

14 (B) standards and procedures for accepting, safely storing, and
15 dispensing donated prescription drugs and supplies;

16 (C) standards and procedures for inspecting donated prescription
17 drugs to determine if the prescription drugs are in their original sealed and
18 tamper-evident packaging, and whether prescription drugs and supplies are not
19 adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise unsafe for dispensing;

1 (4) Eligibility criteria for individuals to receive donated prescription
2 drugs and supplies dispensed by pharmacies, hospitals, long term care
3 facilities, and other health care facilities under the program;

4 (7) Fees that a pharmacy, hospital, long term care facilities, or other
5 health care facility may charge for accepting, distributing, or dispensing
6 donated prescription drugs and supplies under the program;

7 (8) A description of the kinds of the prescription drugs and supplies that
8 the Unused Prescription Drug Repository Program will accept;

9 (9) An outreach and education plan to inform the public of the
10 availability of the program, including information regarding:

11 (A) who may be eligible to receive donated prescription drugs and
12 supplies pursuant to this subchapter;

13 (B) how to demonstrate eligibility; and

14 (C) which prescription drugs and supplies may be donated and how
15 to donate them.

16 (b) On or before February 1, 2019, the Agency of Human Services shall
17 report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on
18 Health and Welfare their findings on the feasibility of implementing an Unused
19 Prescription Drug Repository Program in Vermont.

20

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

1 This act shall take effect upon passage.