

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 164 entitled “An act relating to establishing the Unused Prescription Drug
4 Repository Program” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM;
8 FEASIBILITY STUDY; REPORT

9 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Board of
10 Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Practice and after making reasonable
11 efforts to consult with representatives from Vermont pharmacies, hospitals,
12 long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities, shall evaluate the
13 feasibility of implementing an unused prescription drug repository program to
14 accept and dispense donated prescription drugs and supplies to Vermont
15 residents who meet specified eligibility standards. In determining the
16 feasibility of an unused prescription drug repository program in Vermont, the
17 Agency of Human Services shall consider:

18 (1) the costs of implementing and administering the program, including
19 through a contractual arrangement with a third party;

20 (2) one or more funding sources to support the program;

1 (3) the criteria under which pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care
2 facilities, and other health care facilities would accept and dispense donated
3 prescription drugs and supplies under the program, including:

4 (A) eligibility criteria for participation by pharmacies, hospitals,
5 long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities;

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

8 (C) standards and procedures for inspecting donated prescription
9 drugs and supplies to determine if the prescription drugs are in their original
10 sealed and tamper-evident packaging and to ensure that the prescription drugs
11 and supplies are not adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise unsafe for
12 dispensing;

13 (4) eligibility criteria for individuals to receive donated prescription
14 drugs and supplies dispensed by pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care
15 facilities, and other health care facilities under the program;

16 (5) the fees that a pharmacy, hospital, long-term care facility, or other
17 health care facility would be permitted to charge for accepting, distributing, or
18 dispensing donated prescription drugs and supplies under the program;

19 (6) the types of prescription drugs and supplies that the program would
20 accept;

1 (7) the potential benefits of the program to Vermont consumers, the
2 health care system, the environment, and the State; and

3 (8) an outreach and education plan to inform the public of the
4 availability of the program, including information regarding:

5 (A) who may be eligible to receive donated prescription drugs and
6 supplies under the program;

7 (B) how to demonstrate eligibility; and

8 (C) whether individuals may donate prescription drugs and supplies
9 and, if so, how to donate them.

10 (b) On or before December 1, 2018, the Agency of Human Services shall
11 provide to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on
12 Health and Welfare its findings on the feasibility of implementing an unused
13 prescription drug repository program in Vermont.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE