



**Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems**

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To: Senate Health and Welfare Committee

From: Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations

Re: S.175, Wholesale Importation of Prescription Drugs Into Vermont

The Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (VAHHS) appreciates the opportunity to comment on S. 175, Wholesale Importation of Prescription Drugs Into Vermont.

VAHHS represents all of Vermont's not-for-profit hospitals. One of our advocacy principles for 2018 is to ensure access to Vermont's top-rated health care system. Accordingly, VAHHS supports affordable prescription drug prices for Vermonters.

To ensure maximum accessibility to affordable prescription drugs and health care services for Vermonters, VAHHS recommends the following amendment to S. 175, Wholesale Importation of Prescription Drugs Into Vermont:

**§ 4653. ~~REQUEST FOR~~ FEDERAL CERTIFICATION COMPLIANCE**

**(a) On or before July 1, 2019, the Agency of Human Services shall submit a formal request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for certification of the State's wholesale prescription drug importation program.**

**(b) The Agency of Human Services shall ensure that all covered entities enrolled in or eligible for the 340B Drug Pricing Program may participate in the bulk purchasing program without violating federal law or guidance.**

Thank you for considering VAHHS's comments. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.