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An act relating to requiring at least one member of the Green Mountain Care Board to be a health care professional

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9374 is amended to read:

§ 9374. BOARD MEMBERSHIP; AUTHORITY

(a)(1) On July 1, 2011, the Green Mountain Care Board is created and shall consist of a chair and four members. The Chair and all of the members shall be State employees and shall be exempt from the State classified system. The Chair shall receive compensation equal to that of a Superior judge, and the compensation for the remaining members shall be two-thirds of the amount received by the Chair.

(2) The Chair and the members of the Board shall be nominated by the Green Mountain Care Board Nominating Committee established in subchapter 2 of this chapter using the qualifications described in section 9392 of this chapter and shall be otherwise appointed and confirmed in the manner of a Superior judge. The Governor shall not appoint a nominee who was denied confirmation by the Senate within the past six years. At least one member of the Board shall be an individual licensed to practice medicine under 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33, an individual licensed as a naturopathic physician pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 81, an individual licensed as a physician

assistant under 26 V.S.A. chapter 31, or an individual licensed as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse under 26 V.S.A. chapter 28.

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(c)(1) No Board member shall, during his or her term or terms on the Board, be an officer of, director of, organizer of, employee of, consultant to, or attorney for any person subject to supervision or regulation by the Board; provided that for a health care ~~practitioner~~ professional, the employment restriction in this subdivision ~~shall apply only to administrative or managerial employment or affiliation with a hospital or other health care facility, as defined in section 9432 of this title, and~~ shall not be construed to limit generally the ability of the health care ~~practitioner~~ professional to practice his or her profession.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage and shall apply beginning with the first vacancy occurring on the Green Mountain Care Board on or after that date; provided, however, that it shall not be construed to disqualify a non-health care professional member serving on the Board on the date of passage of this act from being reappointed after the date of passage to serve one or more additional terms.