

S.73

An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers.

The House concurs in the Senate proposal of amendment to House proposal of amendment to Senate proposal of amendment with the following amendments thereto as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 4, ambulatory surgical center data; Green Mountain Care Board; reports, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 18 V.S.A. § 9375(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Board shall have the following duties:

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(14)(A) Collect and review annualized data from ambulatory surgical centers licensed pursuant to chapter 49 of this title, which shall include net patient revenues and which may include data on an ambulatory surgical center's scope of services, volume, payer mix, and coordination with other aspects of the health care system. The Board's processes shall be appropriate to ambulatory surgical centers' scale, their role in Vermont's health care system, and their administrative capacity, and the Board shall seek to minimize the administrative burden of data collection on ambulatory surgical centers. The Board shall also consider ways in which ambulatory surgical centers can be integrated into systemwide payment and delivery system reform.

(B) In its annual report pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the Board shall describe its oversight of ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to subdivision (A) of this subdivision (14) for the most recently concluded 12-month period of the Board's review, including the amount of each ambulatory surgical center's net patient revenues and, using claims data from the Vermont Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES), information regarding high-volume outpatient surgeries and procedures performed in ambulatory surgical center and hospital settings in Vermont, any changes in utilization over time, and a comparison of the commercial insurance rates paid for the same surgeries and procedures performed in ambulatory surgical centers and in hospitals in Vermont.

Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 4a to read as follows:

Sec. 4a. GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; AMBULATORY  
SURGICAL CENTER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;  
PROSPECTIVE REPEAL

18 V.S.A. § 9375(b)(14) (Green Mountain Care Board; ambulatory surgical center reporting requirements) is repealed on January 1, 2025.

Third: In Sec. 6, effective dates, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Secs. 3a (18 V.S.A. § 9373), 4 (18 V.S.A. § 9375(b)), and 4a (Green Mountain Care Board; ambulatory surgical center reporting; prospective repeal) and this section shall take effect on passage.