

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred Senate Bill No. 41
3 entitled “An act relating to regulating entities that administer health
4 reimbursement arrangements” respectfully reports that it has considered the
5 same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be
6 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu
7 thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9417 is added to read:

9 § 9417. TAX-ADVANTAGED ACCOUNTS FOR HEALTH-RELATED
10 EXPENSES; ADMINISTRATION; RULEMAKING

11 (a) As used in this section:

12 (1) “Flexible spending account” or “FSA” has the same meaning as in
13 26 U.S.C. § 106(c)(2).

14 (2) “Health reimbursement arrangement” or “HRA” means any account-
15 based reimbursement arrangement funded solely by employer contributions
16 that reimburses an employee, spouse, or dependents, or a combination thereof,
17 for medical care expenses incurred by the employee, spouse, dependents, or a
18 combination thereof, up to a maximum coverage amount set by the employer
19 for a given coverage period, and that is established pursuant to 26 U.S.C.
20 §§ 105–106 and applicable guidance from the Internal Revenue Service.

1 (3) “Health savings account” or “HSA” has the same meaning as in
2 26 U.S.C. § 223(d)(1).

3 (b) Any entity administering one or more HRAs, HSAs, FSAs, or similar
4 tax-advantaged accounts for health-related expenses, or a combination of these,
5 in this State is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Financial
6 Regulation pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 10 and all other applicable provisions.

7 (c) The Commissioner of Financial Regulation shall adopt rules pursuant to
8 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to license and regulate, to the extent permitted under
9 federal law, entities administering or proposing to administer one or more
10 HRAs, HSAs, FSAs, or similar tax-advantaged accounts for health-related
11 expenses, or a combination of these, in this State, in order to protect Vermont
12 consumers and employers and to help ensure that funds are disbursed
13 appropriately. The rules shall include:

14 (1) annual licensure or registration filing requirements; and

15 (2) such requirements and qualifications for such entities as the

16 Commissioner determines are appropriate, which may include:

17 (A) bonding, surplus, reserves, or a combination thereof;

18 (B) information security and confidentiality; and

19 (C) examination and enforcement.

20 (d) Following the adoption of rules pursuant to subsection (c) of this

21 section, an entity making an initial application for a license or registration to

1 administer HRAs, HSAs, FSAs, or similar tax-advantaged accounts for health-
2 related expenses, or a combination of these, in this State shall pay to the
3 Commissioner a nonrefundable fee of \$600.00 for examining, investigating,
4 and processing the application. Each such entity shall also pay a renewal fee
5 of \$600.00 on or before December 31 every three years following initial
6 licensure.

7 (e) This section shall not apply to an employer that self-administers one or
8 more tax-advantaged accounts on behalf of its own employees.

9 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING; REPORT

10 On or before February 15, 2020, the Commissioner of Financial Regulation
11 shall provide an update to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House
12 Committees on Health Care and on Commerce and Economic Development on
13 the progress of the rulemaking required by Sec. 1 of this act, including any
14 findings related to the permissible scope of the rule.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage, provided that the Department of
17 Financial Regulation shall adopt its final rule on or before September 1, 2020
18 regulating entities that administer HRAs, HSAs, FSAs, or similar tax-
19 advantaged accounts for health-related expenses, or a combination of these.

1 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act
2 relating to regulating entities that administer tax-advantaged accounts for
3 health-related expenses”

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FOR THE COMMITTEE