

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 73 entitled “An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment with further proposals of
6 amendment as follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 4, 18 V.S.A. § 9375(b), in its entirety and
8 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 4. AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER DATA; GREEN

10 MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; REPORTS

11 (a) For the period from the effective date of this act through the end of
12 calendar year 2022, the Green Mountain Care Board shall obtain and review
13 annualized data from ambulatory surgical centers licensed pursuant to chapter
14 49 of this title, which shall include net patient revenues and which may include
15 data on an ambulatory surgical center’s scope of services, volume, payer mix,
16 and coordination with other aspects of the health care system. The Board’s
17 processes shall be appropriate to ambulatory surgical centers’ scale, their role
18 in Vermont’s health care system, and their administrative capacity, and the
19 Board shall seek to minimize the administrative burden of data collection on
20 ambulatory surgical centers. The Board shall also consider ways in which

1 ambulatory surgical centers can be integrated into systemwide payment and
2 delivery system reform.

3 (b) In its annual reports pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9375(d) for 2021, 2022,
4 and 2023, the Green Mountain Care Board shall describe its oversight of
5 ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for the
6 most recently concluded 12-month period of the Board’s review, including the
7 amount of each ambulatory surgical center’s net patient revenues and, using
8 claims data from the Vermont Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and
9 Evaluation System (VHCURES), information regarding high-volume
10 outpatient surgeries and procedures performed in ambulatory surgical center
11 and hospital settings in Vermont, any changes in utilization over time, and a
12 comparison of the commercial insurance rates paid for the same surgeries and
13 procedures performed in ambulatory surgical centers and in hospitals in
14 Vermont.

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

17 (c) Secs. 3a (18 V.S.A. § 9373) and 4 (ambulatory surgical center data;
18 Green Mountain Care Board; reports) and this section shall take effect on
19 passage.

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE