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2 Representative Houghton of Essex moves that the report of the Committee
3 on Health Care be amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 2, 8 V.S.A. § 4100k, by redesignating subsection (i) to be
5 subsection (j) and by inserting a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

6 (i) The Commissioner may require a health insurance plan to provide
7 coverage and reimbursement for health care services delivered by audio-only
8 telephone, by e-mail, by facsimile, or by a combination of these to the same
9 extent as coverage and reimbursement are required for telemedicine under this
10 section on a temporary basis, not to exceed 180 days, by emergency rule if the
11 Commissioner deems it necessary in order to protect the public health.

12 Second: By striking out Sec. 5, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in
13 lieu thereof two new sections to be Secs. 5 and 6 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATION; STORE AND
15 FORWARD; EMERGENCY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

16 The Commissioner of Financial Regulation may require a health insurance
17 plan to reimburse for health care services and dental services delivered by
18 store-and-forward means to the extent practicable prior to January 1, 2021 by
19 emergency rule if the Commissioner deems it necessary in order to protect the
20 public health.

1 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage, except that in Sec. 2, 8 V.S.A.

3 § 4100k(e) (coverage of health care services delivered by store-and-forward

4 means) shall take effect on January 1, 2021.