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Representatives Houghton, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Lippert of Hinesburg, Page of Newport City, Reed of Braintree, Rogers of Waterville, and Smith of Derby of Essex move that the report of the Committee on Health Care be amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

The Commissioner of Financial Regulation may require a health insurance plan to reimburse for health care services and dental services delivered by store-and-forward means to the extent practicable prior to January 1, 2021 by

1 emergency rule if the Commissioner deems it necessary in order to protect the  
2 public health.

3 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage, except that in Sec. 2, 8 V.S.A.  
5 § 4100k(e) (coverage of health care services delivered by store-and-forward  
6 means) shall take effect on January 1, 2021.