S.73 – Potential ambulatory surgical center provider tax language for HHC discussion

Sec. A. 33 V.S.A. § 1951 is amended to read:

§ 1951. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

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(16) “Ambulatory surgical center” means an ambulatory surgical center licensed pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 49.

Sec. B. 33 V.S.A. § 1960 is added to read:

§ 1960. AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER ASSESSMENT

(a) Beginning on July 1, 2022, each ambulatory surgical center’s annual assessment shall be six percent of its net patient revenues.

(b) The Department shall provide written notification of the assessment amount to each ambulatory surgical center. The assessment amount determined shall be considered final unless the ambulatory surgical center requests reconsideration. Requests for reconsideration shall be subject to the provisions of section 1958 of this title.

(c) Each ambulatory surgical center shall remit its assessment to the Department according to a schedule adopted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may permit variations in the schedule of payment as deemed necessary.

(d) Any ambulatory surgical center that fails to make a payment to the Department on or before the specified schedule, or under any schedule of delayed payments established by the Commissioner, shall be assessed not more than $1,000.00. The Commissioner may waive the late-payment assessment provided in this subsection for good cause shown by the ambulatory surgical center.