

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 two new sections to be Secs. 4 and 4a to read as  
9 follows:

10 Sec. 4. 18 V.S.A. § 9375(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The Board shall have the following duties:

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13 (14) Obtain and review data annually from ambulatory surgical centers  
14 licensed pursuant to chapter 49 of this title, which shall include net patient  
15 revenues and which may include data on an ambulatory surgical center’s scope  
16 of services, volume, payer mix, and coordination with other aspects of the  
17 health care system. The Board’s processes shall be appropriate to ambulatory  
18 surgical centers’ scale, their role in Vermont’s health care system, and their  
19 administrative capacity, and the Board shall seek to minimize the  
20 administrative burden of data collection on ambulatory surgical centers. The

1 Board shall also consider ways in which ambulatory surgical centers can be  
2 integrated into systemwide payment and delivery system reform.

3 Sec. 4a. AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER DATA; GREEN  
4 MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD ANNUAL REPORTS

5 In its annual reports pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9375(d) for 2020, 2021, and  
6 2022, the Green Mountain Care Board shall describe its oversight of  
7 ambulatory surgical centers pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9375(d)(14) for the  
8 previous year, including the amount of each ambulatory surgical center’s net  
9 patient revenues and, using claims data from the Vermont Healthcare Claims  
10 Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES), information  
11 regarding high-volume outpatient surgeries and procedures performed in  
12 ambulatory surgical center and hospital settings in Vermont, any changes in  
13 utilization over time, and a comparison of the commercial insurance rates paid  
14 for the same surgeries and procedures performed in ambulatory surgical  
15 centers and in hospitals in Vermont.

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

18 (c) Secs. 3a (18 V.S.A. § 9373), 4 (18 V.S.A. § 9375), 4a (ambulatory  
19 surgical center data; Green Mountain Care Board annual reports), and this  
20 section shall take effect on passage.

1 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE