

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 125 entitled “An act relating to Vermont’s adoption of the interstate Nurse
4 Licensure Compact” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out in its entirety Sec. 2
6 (effective date) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 2. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; NURSE SALARIES;
8 REPORT

9 (a)(1) The Office of Professional Regulation shall analyze the salary and
10 employment benefit differentials between Vermont-based nurses and traveling
11 nurses, including traveling nurse housing and transportation stipends, and
12 determine the salary levels for Vermont-based nurses that would be necessary
13 to reduce the State’s reliance on traveling nurses.

14 (2) The Office shall also evaluate the potential impact of Vermont’s
15 adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact on the State’s use of
16 traveling nurses.

17 (b) On or before January 15, 2021, the Office shall report its findings and
18 any recommendations for legislative action to the Senate Committees on
19 Health and Welfare and on Government Operations and the House Committees
20 on Health Care and on Government Operations.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

2 (a) Sec. 1 (Nurse Licensure Compact) shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

3 (b) Sec. 2 (nurse salary report) and this section shall take effect on passage.

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE