

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 Sec. 2, effective date, in
6 its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

9 (a) The Office of Professional Regulation shall analyze the salary
10 differentials between traveling nurses and Vermont-based nurses and
11 determine the salary levels for Vermont-based nurses that would be necessary
12 to reduce the State’s reliance on traveling nurses. The Office shall also
13 evaluate the potential impact of Vermont’s adoption of the interstate Nurse
14 Licensure Compact on the State’s use of traveling nurses.

15 (b) On or before January 15, 2020, the Office of Professional Regulation
16 shall report its findings and any recommendations for legislative action to the
17 House Committees on Government Operations and on Health Care and the
18 Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Health and Welfare.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

1 (a) Sec. 1 (Nurse Licensure Compact) shall take effect 90 days following
2 the adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact by Massachusetts and
3 Connecticut, but in no event later than January 1, 2021.

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

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE