

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred Senate Bill No. 239  
3 entitled “An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance  
4 policies” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends  
5 that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 2,  
6 Medicare supplemental coverage; Medicare advantage plans; Department of  
7 Financial Regulation; report, as follows:

8 First: By striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
9 thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 (a) The Department of Financial Regulation shall convene a group of  
11 interested stakeholders, including Vermonters eligible for Medicare by reason  
12 of age, disability status, or end stage renal disease and representatives of health  
13 care providers, the Community of Vermont Elders, the area agencies on aging,  
14 the Office of the Health Care Advocate, and the Department of Vermont  
15 Health Access, to consider issues relating to Medicare Advantage plans and to  
16 the availability of, enrollment in, and use of supplemental coverage by  
17 individuals enrolled in Medicare. A majority of the stakeholders shall not have  
18 a financial stake in any Medicare supplemental coverage or Medicare  
19 Advantage product.

1        Second: In subsection (b), by adding a new subdivision to be subdivision  
2        (4) to read as follows:

3                (4) the costs of Medicare Part B premiums, Medicare Part D plans,  
4        Medicare supplement plans, and Medicare Advantage plans; the effect of those  
5        costs on access to health care for Vermonters with low income who are not  
6        eligible for Medicaid or for a Medicare Savings Program; the income  
7        eligibility thresholds for Medicare Savings Programs in Vermont and in other  
8        states; and whether Vermont should consider revising the income eligibility  
9        thresholds for its Medicare Savings Programs;

10        and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions in subsection (b) to be  
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