

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 711 entitled “An act relating to the creation of the Opioid Settlement
4 Advisory Committee and the Opioid Abatement Special Fund” respectfully
5 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
6 propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 93, in section 4772, in subsection (c), in
8 the second sentence by striking out “Substance Misuse Advisory Council” and
9 inserting in lieu thereof Substance Misuse Oversight Prevention and Advisory
10 Council

11 Second: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. chapter 93, in section 4774, in subsection (a),
12 by striking out subdivisions (1) and (2) in their entirety and inserting in lieu
13 thereof the following:

14 (a)(1) There is created the Opioid Abatement Special Fund, a special fund
15 established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 and
16 administered by the Department of Health. The Opioid Abatement Special
17 Fund shall consist of all abatement account fund monies disbursed to the
18 Department from the national settlement fund administrator, the national
19 opioid abatement trust, the supplemental opioid abatement fund, or any other
20 settlement funds that must be utilized exclusively for opioid prevention,
21 intervention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services.

1 (2) The Department shall include a spending plan, informed by the
2 recommendations of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee established
3 pursuant to section 4772 of this subchapter, as part of its annual budget
4 submission, and once approved, the Department shall request to have the funds
5 formally released from the national settlement fund administrator, the national
6 opioid abatement trust, the supplemental opioid abatement fund, or any other
7 settlement funds that must be utilized exclusively for opioid prevention,
8 intervention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. The
9 Department shall disburse monies from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund
10 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 3.

11 Third: By striking out Sec. 2, sunset; Opioid Settlement Advisory
12 Committee, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 2 to read as
13 follows:

14 Sec. 2. SUNSET; OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15 The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee shall cease to exist upon
16 written certification by the Chair of the Opioid Settlement Advisory
17 Committee to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President Pro
18 Tempore that Vermont's share of monies from the national settlement fund
19 administrator, the national opioid abatement trust, the supplemental opioid
20 abatement fund, or any other settlement funds that must be utilized exclusively

1 for opioid prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction
2 services has been fully expended.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE