

1 H.414

2 Introduced by Representatives Whitman of Bennington, Brumsted of
3 Shelburne, and Goldman of Rockingham

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Health; prescription drugs; unused drug repository

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
8 Agency of Human Services to establish an unused drug repository for the
9 collection and distribution of unused drugs in Vermont. The bill would also
10 give the Agency the authority to adopt rules regarding donations to the
11 repository, the types of drugs accepted, safety precautions, recipient eligibility,
12 and other program requirements.

13 An act relating to establishing an unused drug repository for Vermont

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 91, subchapter 5 is added to read:

16 Subchapter 5. Unused Drug Repository Program

17 § 4671. CREATION OF PROGRAM

18 The Agency of Human Services may contract or enter into agreements with
19 qualified entities as needed to create and administer an unused drug repository
20 program for the collection and distribution of unused drugs in Vermont.

1 § 4672. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; RULEMAKING

2 The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules for the administration of
3 the program, including rules regarding:

4 (1) donations to the program, which may include donations from
5 institutional settings in Vermont such as pharmacies, long-term care facilities,
6 Veterans' Administration facilities, correctional facilities, hospitals, and other
7 facilities, as well as donations from individuals;

8 (2) what types of drugs may be donated to the program;

9 (3) safety criteria for donated drugs, which may include packaging
10 requirements and inspections; and

11 (4) patient eligibility to receive drugs from the program, with priority
12 given to patients who meet one or more of the following criteria:

13 (A) patients whose household income is below 400 percent of the
14 federal poverty level;

15 (B) patients who are uninsured;

16 (C) patients who are underinsured;

17 (D) patients who are Medicare beneficiaries and are experiencing a
18 coverage gap in their Medicare prescription drug coverage; and

19 (E) patients who are on a high-deductible health plan or on a plan
20 with high co-payment requirements for prescription drugs, or both.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.