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| 1 | TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: |
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| 2 | The Committee on Health Care to which was referred House Bill No. 77 |
| 3 | entitled "An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Physical Therapy |
| 4 | Licensure Compact" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and |
| 5 | recommends that the bill be amended as follows: |
| 6 | First: In Sec. 1, 26 V.S.A. chapter 38, subchapter 5, in section 2133, in |
| 7 | subdivision (1), following " <u>10 U.S.C.</u> ", by striking out " <u>§</u> " and inserting in lieu |
| 8 | thereof " <u>chapters</u> ". |
| 9 | Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 1a to read as follows: |
| 10 | Sec. 1a. 26 V.S.A. 2144 is added to read: |
| 11 | <u>§ 2144. ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPACT</u> |
| 12 | (a) The Office of Professional Regulation shall have the power to: |
| 13 | (1) oversee the administration and enforcement of the Compact within |
| 14 | the State of Vermont subject to the provisions and rules of the Compact; and |
| 15 | (2) conduct criminal history record checks as determined by the Office |
| 16 | of Professional Regulation through the Vermont Criminal Information Center |
| 17 | and Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of issuing licenses; provided, |
| 18 | however, that reports from such record checks shall not be shared with entities |
| 19 | outside this State. |

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| 1 | (b)(1) The Office of Professional Regulation may require an applicant, as a |
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| 2 | condition for eligibility for initial licensure, to submit a full set of fingerprints |
| 3 | in a form and manner prescribed by the Office of Professional Regulation. |
| 4 | (2) The Office of Professional Regulation is authorized to obtain state |
| 5 | and national criminal history record information on the applicant. |
| 6 | (3) The Office of Professional Regulation may not disseminate criminal |
| 7 | history record information resulting from the background check across state |
| 8 | lines. |
| 9 | (c) The Director of the Office of Professional Regulation shall designate |
| 10 | the one delegate of the Compact for the State of Vermont pursuant to |
| 11 | subsection 2138(b) of this subchapter. |
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| 14 | (Committee vote:) |
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| 17 | FOR THE COMMITTEE |