Recommendation from House Judiciary to House Human Services Re: Sec 12 of H.222 Senate Proposal of Amendment

18 V.S.A. § 4240a(e) is amended to read:

(e) An individual possessing a regulated substance who provides any portion of the substance to a program pursuant to this section for purposes of obtaining drug-checking services shall not be subject to arrest, charge, or prosecution for possession of a regulated substance pursuant to this chapter or to a civil or administrative penalty or disciplinary action by a professional licensing board for a violation of this chapter based on the individual's use or attempted use of drug-checking services in accordance with this section. The immunity provisions of this subsection shall apply only to the use and derivative use of evidence gained as a proximate result of an individual seeking drug-checking services and shall not preclude prosecution of the individual on the basis of evidence obtained from an independent source.