

Rep. Feltus of Lyndon, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Health Care.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Donahue of Northfield and Black of Essex to the report of the Committee on Health Care on S. 27

That the report of the Committee on Health Care be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 1 V.S.A. § 151 is added to read:

§ 151. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

“Behavioral health” means any behavioral condition bearing on health, including stress-linked physical symptoms, patient activation, and health behaviors that can be addressed through support, counseling, change techniques, coaching, and other interventions. As used in the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the term does not include mental health conditions or substance use disorders. The General Assembly recognizes that using the term “behavioral health” to describe mental health conditions or substance use disorders has a stigmatizing impact, which may deter individuals from seeking health care for those conditions, but also recognizes that some jurisdictions interpret the term to incorporate those conditions and that therefore it may be necessary under limited circumstances to include the term in the definition of health care services for the sole reason of avoiding any question about the intended scope of a specific statute.

and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct

Amendment to be offered by Rep. North of Ferrisburgh to the report of the Committee on Health Care on S. 27

That the report of the Committee on Health Care be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, State Treasurer; medical debt relief; appropriation, in subdivision (b)(4)(C)(ii), by striking out “400 percent” and inserting in lieu thereof “300 percent”

Second: In Sec. 1, State Treasurer; medical debt relief; appropriation, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) In order to be eligible for repayment of medical debt under this section, the following conditions must be met: