

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred Senate Bill No. 53
3 entitled “An act relating to certification of community-based perinatal doulas
4 and Medicaid coverage for doula services” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that
6 the bill be amended as follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 7, state plan amendment, in its entirety and
8 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 7 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 7. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

10 Not later than July 1, 2026, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall
11 seek a state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
12 Services to allow Vermont’s Medicaid program to provide coverage for doula
13 services in accordance with 33 V.S.A. § 1901n, as added by this act.

14 Second: In Sec. 8, effective dates, by striking out subsection (b) in its
15 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

16 (b) Sec. 5 (33 V.S.A. § 1901n; Medicaid coverage for doula services) shall
17 take effect on the later of July 1, 2026 or approval of the state plan amendment
18 requested pursuant to Sec. 7 of this act.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE