

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred House Bill No.
3 293 entitled “An act relating to health equity data reporting and registry
4 disclosure requirements” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 * * * Health Equity Data Reporting * * *

8 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:

9 § 253. DATA RESPONSIVE TO HEALTH EQUITY INQUIRIES

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11 (b)(1) The Department of Health shall systematically analyze such health
12 equity data using the smallest appropriate units of analysis feasible to detect
13 racial and ethnic disparities, as well as disparities along the lines of primary
14 language, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and
15 socioeconomic status, and report the results of such analysis on the
16 Department’s website periodically, but not less than biannually. The
17 Department’s analysis shall be used to measure over time the impact of actions
18 taken to reduce health disparities in Vermont. The data informing the
19 Department’s analysis shall be made available to the public in accordance with
20 State and federal law.

1 ~~accordance with 45 C.F.R. part 46~~ an institutional review board or privacy
2 board in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(i)(1)(i)(A) and (B).

3 * * * Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry Disclosure Requirements * * *

4 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 174 is amended to read:

5 § 174. CONFIDENTIALITY

6 (a)(1) All identifying information regarding an individual patient or health
7 care provider is exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public
8 Records Act and shall be kept confidential.

9 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
10 Commissioner may enter into data sharing and protection agreements with
11 researchers or state, regional, or national amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
12 registries for bidirectional data exchange, provided access under such
13 agreements is consistent with the privacy, security, and disclosure protections
14 in this chapter. In the case of researchers, the Commissioner shall also first
15 obtain written evidence of the approval of ~~their academic committee for the~~
16 ~~protection of human subjects established in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Part 46~~
17 an institutional review board or privacy board in accordance with 45 C.F.R.
18 § 164.512(i)(1)(i)(A) and (B). The Commissioner shall disclose the minimum
19 information necessary to accomplish a specified research purpose.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE