



Good morning, my name is Devon Green with the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, representing Vermont's hospitals, which are all nonprofit.

We broadly support S.28, an act relating to certain legally protected health care services. We have some concerns and additions that are outlined below:

Section 1

We support section one, which prohibits untrue and misleading statements about health care and services.

Section 3

We have concerns around the expansion of unprofessional conduct for licensed providers. Including "confusing" information in the definition of unprofessional conduct is broad and subjective. Additionally the expansion of oversight liability is vague and overly broad. VAHHS is working with the Vermont Medical Society, the Office of Professional Regulation, and the Board of Medical Practice to come back with proposed changes.

Amendment Proposal

This bill presents a good opportunity to provide greater protections to our health care providers. VAHHS proposes exempting health care provider licensee e-mails and phone numbers from the Public Records Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We look forward to working further on this bill. Please feel free to contact me at devon@vahhs.org with questions.