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2 Introduced by Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Pearson of Burlington,
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4 Thetford, Dakin of Chester, Gage of Rutland City, Morris of
5 Bennington, Patt of Worcester, Poirier of Barre City, and
6 Woodward of Johnson

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Health; health insurance; Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; waiver

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
11 Commissioner of Vermont Health Access to seek a federal waiver that would
12 permit Vermont businesses to continue purchasing Vermont Health Benefit
13 Exchange plans directly from the health insurance carriers.

14 An act relating to seeking a waiver to permit businesses to continue to
15 purchase Exchange plans directly from insurers

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. SHOP WAIVER

18 The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access, with assistance from the
19 Director of Health Care Reform, shall seek a waiver under Section 1332 of the
20 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended

1 by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L.
2 No. 111-152, that would waive the federal requirement to establish an
3 Internet-based Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and permit
4 qualified employers to purchase qualified health benefit plans offered by the
5 Vermont Health Benefit Exchange directly from a registered carrier.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.