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Senator Ayer moves that the bill be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9405c is added to read:

§ 9405c. NOTICE OF AFFILIATION

(a) Each hospital shall provide notice to the Office of the Attorney General at least 90 days or as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of a transaction that will result in a new affiliation between the hospital and one or more health care providers or between the hospital and a group medical practice. The notice shall include at least the following information:

(1) the name and address of the hospital acquiring the provider, providers, or group medical practice and contact information for a representative of the hospital;

(2) the name and address of the provider, providers, or group medical practice being acquired and contact information for a representative of the provider, providers, or practice.

(b) Information provided to the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to this section is exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to allow the Office to perform an inquiry into potentially anticompetitive practices.

1 and by renumbering the existing Sec. 2, effective date, to be Sec. 3