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Introduced by Representatives Fegard of Berkshire, Anthony of Barre City,
Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of
Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of
Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of
Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell
of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carroll of
Bennington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina
of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln,
Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St.
Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington,
Gamache of Swanton, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of
Winooski, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield,
Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of
Dummerston, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Randolph,
Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of
Manchester, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington,
Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Leffler of
Enosburgh, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford,
Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of
Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morris of

1 Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax,
2 Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge,
3 Palasik of Milton, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester,
4 Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of
5 Hartland, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of
6 Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw
7 of Pittsford, Sabilia of Dover, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of
8 Underhill, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of
9 Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Toof of St. Albans Town,
10 Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham,
11 Troiano of Stannard, and White of Hartford

12 Referred to Committee on

13 Date:

14 Subject: Health; health insurance; Department of Financial Regulation;
15 surgical revision; chest wall reconstruction

16 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
17 Department of Financial Regulation, after consultation with interested
18 stakeholders, to issue a bulletin providing clarification to health insurers
19 regarding the coding and billing standards for surgical revision after chest wall
20 reconstruction, including specifying that the revision is not a cosmetic
21 procedure.

1 An act relating to coding and billing standards for surgical revision after
2 chest wall reconstruction

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

4 Sec. 1. SURGICAL REVISION AFTER CHEST WALL

5 RECONSTRUCTION; DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL

6 REGULATION

7 (a) The Department of Financial Regulation shall convene a group of
8 interested stakeholders, including representatives of health insurers, health care
9 providers, health care facilities, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate, to
10 develop coding and billing standards for surgical revision after chest wall
11 reconstruction. These standards shall not deem the revision to be a cosmetic
12 procedure.

13 (b) On or before October 1, 2020, the Department of Financial Regulation
14 shall issue a bulletin to provide clarification to health insurers and health care
15 providers regarding the appropriate coding and billing standards to use for
16 patients undergoing surgical revision after chest wall reconstruction. The
17 bulletin shall also specify that surgical revision after chest wall reconstruction
18 is not a cosmetic procedure and should not be regarded as a cosmetic
19 procedure under any health insurance plan.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.