

To: Senate Committee on Government Operations  
From: Jessa Barnard, Vermont Medical Society  
Date: March 18, 2022  
RE: Update Act 68, Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

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Thank you for requesting an update regarding implementation of S. 111/Act 68 of 2019. The Vermont Medical Society is the State's largest physician membership organization, representing approximately 2,400 physicians, physician assistants and medical students of all practice types and locations. The Vermont Medical Society supported the passage of Act 68 and efforts to disseminate information regarding symptoms associated with exposure to open burn pits and contact information for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.

In response to the bill, VMS has disseminated information to our members in the follow ways:

- Shared information with our members regarding Act 68 and the burn pit registry via our e-newsletter
- Educated our members regarding Act 68 and the burn pit registry via our Legislative Bulletin
- Added a link from our website to the Vermont Department of Health Website on the Burn Pit Registry ( <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/chemicals/veterans-affairs-airborne-hazards-and-open-burn-pit-registry>)

Thank you for your ongoing attention to this issue. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions to me via email or phone at [jbarnard@vtmd.org](mailto:jbarnard@vtmd.org) or 802-917-1460.