

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Health Care to which was referred House Bill No. 524  
3 entitled “An act relating to seeking a waiver to permit businesses to continue to  
4 purchase Exchange plans directly from insurers” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out  
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. SHOP WAIVER

8 The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access, with assistance from the  
9 Director of Health Care Reform, shall seek a waiver under Section 1332 of the  
10 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended  
11 by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L.  
12 No. 111-152, for the purpose of waiving the federal requirement to establish an  
13 Internet-based Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and permitting  
14 qualified employers to purchase qualified health benefit plans offered by the  
15 Vermont Health Benefit Exchange directly from a registered carrier.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE