

1 S.243

2 Introduced by Senators Lyons, Hardy, Sears and Sirotkin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; prescription drugs; unused prescription drug repository
6 program

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
8 Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, the
9 Board of Medical Practice, and other interested stakeholders, to evaluate the
10 feasibility of implementing an unused prescription drug repository program to
11 accept and dispense donated prescription drugs and supplies to Vermont
12 residents who meet specified eligibility standards.

13 An act relating to implementation of an unused prescription drug repository
14 program

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

16 Sec. 1. UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM;
17 FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS; REPORT

18 (a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Board of
19 Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Practice and after making reasonable
20 efforts to consult with representatives from Vermont pharmacies, hospitals,

1 long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities, shall evaluate the
2 feasibility of implementing an unused prescription drug repository program to
3 accept and dispense donated prescription drugs and supplies to Vermont
4 residents who meet specified eligibility standards. In determining the
5 feasibility of an unused prescription drug repository program in Vermont, the
6 Agency of Human Services shall consider:

7 (1) the potential benefits of the program to Vermont consumers, the
8 health care system, the environment, and the State;

9 (2) the costs of implementing and administering the program, including
10 through a contractual arrangement with a third party;

11 (3) one or more funding sources to support the program;

12 (4) the criteria under which pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care
13 facilities, and other health care facilities would accept and dispense donated
14 prescription drugs and supplies under the program, including:

15 (A) eligibility criteria for participation by pharmacies, hospitals,
16 long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities;

17 (B) standards and procedures for accepting, safely storing, and
18 dispensing donated prescription drugs and supplies; and

19 (C) standards and procedures for inspecting donated prescription
20 drugs and supplies to determine if the prescription drugs are in their original
21 sealed and tamper-evident packaging and to ensure that the prescription drugs

1 and supplies are not adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise unsafe for
2 dispensing;

3 (5) eligibility criteria for individuals to receive donated prescription
4 drugs and supplies dispensed by pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care
5 facilities, and other health care facilities under the program;

6 (6) the fees that a pharmacy, hospital, long-term care facility, or other
7 health care facility would be permitted to charge for accepting, distributing, or
8 dispensing donated prescription drugs and supplies under the program;

9 (7) the types of prescription drugs and supplies that the program would
10 accept; and

11 (8) an outreach and education plan to inform the public of the
12 availability of the program, including information regarding:

13 (A) who may be eligible to receive donated prescription drugs and
14 supplies under the program;

15 (B) how to demonstrate eligibility; and

16 (C) whether individuals may donate prescription drugs and supplies
17 and, if so, how to donate them.

18 (b) On or before January 15, 2023, the Agency of Human Services shall
19 provide to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and
20 the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare its analysis and

1 recommendations regarding the implementation of an unused prescription drug
2 repository program in Vermont.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.