

1 Introduced by Representative Lippert of Hinesburg

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Health; health insurance; Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; waiver

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the

6 Commissioner of Vermont Health Access to seek a federal waiver that would

7 permit Vermont businesses to continue purchasing Vermont Health Benefit

8 Exchange plans directly from the health insurance carriers.

9 An act relating to seeking a waiver to permit businesses to continue to
10 purchase Exchange plans directly from insurers

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

12 Sec. 1. SHOP WAIVER

13 The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access, with assistance from the
14 Director of Health Care Reform, shall seek a waiver under Section 1332 of the
15 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended
16 by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No.
17 111-152, that would waive the federal requirement to establish an
18 Internet-based Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and permit
19 qualified employers to purchase qualified health benefit plans offered by the
20 Vermont Health Benefit Exchange directly from a registered carrier.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.