

1 H.495

2 Introduced by Representative Till of Jericho

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health care providers; bargaining groups

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow health care provider

7 bargaining groups to negotiate with the secretary of administration and the

8 Green Mountain Care board in addition to the officials already listed in statute

9 and expands the list of topics about which they may negotiate.

10 An act relating to health care provider bargaining groups

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

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9409 is amended to read:

13 § 9409. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BARGAINING GROUPS

14 (a) The commissioner may approve the creation of one or more health care
15 provider bargaining groups, consisting of health care providers who choose to
16 participate. A bargaining group is authorized to negotiate, on behalf of all
17 participating providers with the commissioner, the secretary of administration,
18 the secretary of human services, the Green Mountain Care board, or the
19 commissioner of labor with respect to any matter in this chapter; chapters 13,
20 219, 220, or 222 of this title; chapters 9 and 11 of Title 21; and ~~chapter~~

1 chapters 18 and 19 of Title 33, in regard with respect to provider regulation,
2 provider reimbursement, administrative simplification, information
3 technology, medical malpractice reform, workforce planning, or quality of
4 health care.

5 (b) The commissioner shall adopt by rule criteria for forming and
6 approving bargaining groups, and criteria and procedures for negotiations
7 authorized by this section.

8 (c) The rules relating to negotiations shall include a nonbinding arbitration
9 process to assist in the resolution of disputes. Nothing in this section shall be
10 construed to limit the authority of the commissioner, the commissioner of
11 labor, the secretary of administration, the Green Mountain Care board, or the
12 secretary of human services to reject the recommendation or decision of the
13 arbiter.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.