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Introduced by Representatives Eckhardt of Chittenden, Browning of Arlington,
Komline of Dorset and Till of Jericho

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health care reform; Green Mountain Care; financing plan

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to move from January 15, 2013 to
September 15, 2012 the due date for the administration's recommendations for
financing Green Mountain Care and the Vermont health benefit exchange.

An act relating to the financing plan for Green Mountain Care and the
health benefit exchange

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

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The general assembly finds:

(1) Health care costs and the financing of those costs have a significant
impact on the life of every Vermonter.

(2) Decisions regarding health care financing have a significant impact
on Vermont's economy.

(3) No. 48 of the Acts of 2011 directs the secretary of administration to
recommend plans for sustainable financing for Green Mountain Care and for

1 Vermont's health benefit exchange. Under the language of that act, both plans
2 are due to the legislative committees of jurisdiction by January 15, 2013.

3 (4) The citizens of Vermont need to hear and understand the proposed
4 financing plans in order to enable them to make informed decisions in the
5 November 2012 election.

6 Sec. 2. Sec. 9 of No. 48 of the Acts of 2011 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 9. FINANCING PLANS

8 (a) The secretary of administration or designee shall recommend two plans
9 for sustainable financing to the house committees on health care and on ways
10 and means and the senate committees on health and welfare and on finance no
11 later than ~~January 15, 2013~~ September 15, 2012.

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13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.