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Introduced by Representatives Poirier of Barre City and Donahue of  
Northfield

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Legislature; Medicare; waivers

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require  
legislative approval before the Secretary of Human Services may apply for a  
Medicare waiver.

An act relating to legislative approval for Medicare waivers

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

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901(a) is amended to read:

(a)(1) The Secretary of Human Services or designee shall take appropriate  
action, including making of rules, required to administer a medical assistance  
program under Title XIX (Medicaid) and Title XXI (SCHIP) of the Social  
Security Act.

(2) The Secretary or designee shall seek approval from the General  
Assembly prior to applying for and implementing a waiver of Title XVIII  
(Medicare), Title XIX (Medicaid), or Title XXI (SCHIP) of the Social Security  
Act; an amendment to an existing waiver; or a new state option that would

1 restrict eligibility or benefits pursuant to the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.  
2 Approval by the General Assembly under this subdivision constitutes approval  
3 only for the changes which are scheduled for implementation.

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5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.