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same or similar procedure.

| 1  | S.41  |
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| 2  | Introduced by Senator Mullin  |
| 3  | Referred to Committee on  |
| 4  | Date:   |
| 5  | Subject: Health; Medicaid; reimbursement rates; increase; payment rates     |
| 6  | Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to increase Medicaid reimbursement |
| 7  | rates gradually on an annual basis until they are equal to Medicare         |
| 8  | reimbursement rates.  |
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| 9  | An act relating to increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates                  |
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| 10 | It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:       |
| 11 | Sec. 1. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES  |
| 12 | (a) It is the intent of the general assembly that reimbursement rates to    |
| 13 | health care professionals and hospitals under Medicaid, the Vermont health  |
| 14 | access plan, and Dr. Dynasaur should be equivalent to Medicare              |
| 15 | reimbursement rates.  |
| 16 | (b) Annually, beginning in state fiscal year 2011, the office of Vermont    |
| 17 | health access shall increase by 10 percent any Medicaid, Vermont health     |
| 18 | access plan, and Dr. Dynasaur reimbursement rate for any procedure that is  |
| 19 | less than the federal fiscal year 2011 Medicare reimbursement rate for the  |