

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred Senate Bill No. 77
3 entitled “An act relating to patient choice and control at end of life”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 113 is added to read:

8 CHAPTER 113. RIGHTS OF QUALIFIED PATIENTS

9 SUFFERING A TERMINAL CONDITION

10 § 5281. DEFINITIONS

11 As used in this chapter:

12 (1) “Capable” means that in the opinion of a court or in the opinion of
13 the patient’s prescribing physician, consulting physician, psychiatrist,
14 psychologist, or clinical social worker, a patient has the ability to make and
15 communicate health care decisions to health care providers, including
16 communication through persons familiar with the patient’s manner of
17 communicating if those persons are available.

18 (2) “Consulting physician” means a physician who is qualified by
19 specialty or experience to make a professional diagnosis and prognosis
20 regarding the patient’s illness and who is willing to participate in the provision

1 to a qualified patient of medication to hasten his or her death in accordance
2 with this chapter.

3 (3) "Dispense" means to prepare and deliver pursuant to a lawful order
4 of a physician a prescription drug in a suitable container appropriately labeled
5 for subsequent use by a patient entitled to receive the prescription drug. The
6 term shall not include the actual administration of a prescription drug to the
7 patient.

8 (4) "Evaluation" means a consultation between a psychiatrist,
9 psychologist, or clinical social worker licensed in Vermont and a patient for
10 the purpose of confirming that the patient:

11 (A) is capable; and

12 (B) does not have impaired judgment.

13 (5) "Good faith" means objective good faith.

14 (6) "Health care facility" shall have the same meaning as in section
15 9432 of this title.

16 (7) "Health care provider" means a person, partnership, corporation,
17 facility, or institution, licensed or certified or authorized by law to administer
18 health care or dispense medication in the ordinary course of business or
19 practice of a profession.

20 (8) "Hospice care" means a program of care and support provided by a
21 Medicare-certified hospice provider to help an individual with a terminal

1 condition to live comfortably by providing palliative care, including effective
2 pain and symptom management. Hospice care may include services provided
3 by an interdisciplinary team that are intended to address the physical,
4 emotional, psychosocial, and spiritual needs of the individual and his or her
5 family.

6 (9) "Impaired judgment" means that a person does not sufficiently
7 appreciate the relevant facts necessary to make an informed decision.

8 (10) "Informed decision" means a decision by a patient to request and
9 obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to hasten his or her
10 death based on the patient's understanding and appreciation of the relevant
11 facts that was made after the patient was fully informed by the prescribing
12 physician of all the following:

13 (A) the patient's medical diagnosis;

14 (B) the patient's prognosis, including an acknowledgement that the
15 physician's prediction of the patient's life expectancy is an estimate based on
16 the physician's best medical judgment and is not a guarantee of the actual time
17 remaining in the patient's life, and that the patient may live longer than the
18 time predicted;

19 (C) the range of treatment options appropriate for the patient and the
20 patient's diagnosis;

1 (D) if the patient is not enrolled in hospice care, all feasible
2 end-of-life services, including palliative care, comfort care, hospice care, and
3 pain control;

4 (E) the range of possible results, including potential risks associated
5 with taking the medication to be prescribed; and

6 (F) the probable result of taking the medication to be prescribed.

7 (11) “Palliative care” shall have the same meaning as in section 2 of this
8 title.

9 (12) “Patient” means a person who is 18 years of age or older, a resident
10 of Vermont, and under the care of a physician.

11 (13) “Physician” means a physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A.
12 chapter 23 or 33.

13 (14) “Prescribing physician” means the physician whom the patient has
14 designated to have primary responsibility for the care of the patient pursuant to
15 this chapter and who is willing to participate in the provision to a qualified
16 patient of medication to hasten his or her death in accordance with this chapter.

17 (15)(A) “Qualified patient” means a patient who:

18 (i) is capable;

19 (ii) is physically able to self-administer medication;

20 (iii) has executed an advance directive in accordance with chapter
21 231 of this title;

1 (iv) is enrolled in hospice care or has been informed of all feasible
2 end-of-life services pursuant to subdivision 5283(3)(D) of this title; and

3 (v) has satisfied the requirements of this chapter in order to obtain
4 a prescription for medication to hasten his or her death.

5 (B) An individual shall not qualify under the provisions of this
6 chapter solely because of age or disability.

7 (16) “Terminal condition” means an incurable and irreversible disease
8 which would, within reasonable medical judgment, result in death within six
9 months.

10 § 5282. REQUESTS FOR MEDICATION

11 (a) In order to qualify under this chapter:

12 (1) A patient who is capable, who has been determined by the
13 prescribing physician and consulting physician to be suffering from a terminal
14 condition, and who has voluntarily expressed a wish to hasten the dying
15 process may request medication to be self-administered for the purpose of
16 hastening his or her death in accordance with this chapter.

17 (2) A patient shall have made an oral request and a written request and
18 shall have reaffirmed the oral request to his or her prescribing physician not
19 less than 15 days after the initial oral request. At the time the patient makes
20 the second oral request, the prescribing physician shall offer the patient an
21 opportunity to rescind the request.

1 (b) Oral requests for medication by the patient under this chapter shall be
2 made in the physical presence of the prescribing physician.

3 (c) A written request for medication shall be signed and dated by the
4 patient and witnessed by at least two persons, at least 18 years of age, who, in
5 the presence of the patient, sign and affirm that the patient appears to
6 understand the nature of the document and to be free from duress or undue
7 influence at the time the request was signed. Neither witness shall be any of
8 the following persons:

9 (1) the patient's prescribing physician, consulting physician, or any
10 person who has conducted an evaluation of the patient pursuant to section 5285
11 of this title;

12 (2) a person who knows that he or she is a relative of the patient by
13 blood, civil marriage, civil union, or adoption;

14 (3) a person who at the time the request is signed knows that he or she
15 would be entitled upon the patient's death to any portion of the estate or assets
16 of the patient under any will or trust, by operation of law, or by contract; or

17 (4) an owner, operator, or employee of a health care facility, nursing
18 home, or residential care facility where the patient is receiving medical
19 treatment or is a resident.

20 (d) A person who knowingly fails to comply with the requirements in
21 subsection (c) of this section is subject to prosecution under 13 V.S.A. § 2004.

1 (e) The written request shall be completed only after the patient has been
2 examined by a consulting physician as required under section 5284 of this title.

3 (f)(1) Under no circumstances shall a guardian or conservator be permitted
4 to act on behalf of a ward for purposes of this chapter.

5 (2) Under no circumstances shall an agent under an advance directive be
6 permitted to act on behalf of a principal for purposes of this chapter.

7 § 5283. PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN; DUTIES

8 The prescribing physician shall perform all the following:

9 (1) determine whether a patient:

10 (A) is suffering a terminal condition, based on the prescribing
11 physician's physical examination of the patient and review of the patient's
12 relevant medical records;

13 (B) is capable;

14 (C) has executed an advance directive in accordance with chapter 231
15 of this title;

16 (D) is enrolled in hospice care;

17 (E) is making an informed decision; and

18 (F) has made a voluntary request for medication to hasten his or her
19 death;

20 (2) require proof of Vermont residency, which may be shown by:

21 (A) a Vermont driver's license or photo identification card;

1 (B) proof of Vermont voter's registration; or

2 (C) a Vermont resident personal income tax return for the most

3 recent tax year;

4 (3) inform the patient in person, both verbally and in writing, of all the
5 following:

6 (A) the patient's medical diagnosis;

7 (B) the patient's prognosis, including an acknowledgement that the
8 physician's prediction of the patient's life expectancy is an estimate based on
9 the physician's best medical judgment and is not a guarantee of the actual time
10 remaining in the patient's life, and that the patient may live longer than the
11 time predicted;

12 (C) the range of treatment options appropriate for the patient and the
13 patient's diagnosis;

14 (D) if the patient is not enrolled in hospice care, all feasible
15 end-of-life services, including palliative care, comfort care, hospice care, and
16 pain control;

17 (E) the range of possible results, including potential risks associated
18 with taking the medication to be prescribed; and

19 (F) the probable result of taking the medication to be prescribed;

1 (4) refer the patient to a consulting physician for medical confirmation
2 of the diagnosis, prognosis, and a determination that the patient is capable and
3 is acting voluntarily;

4 (5) verify that the patient does not have impaired judgment or refer the
5 patient for an evaluation under section 5285 of this chapter;

6 (6) with the patient's consent, consult with the patient's primary care
7 physician, if the patient has one;

8 (7) recommend that the patient notify the next of kin or someone with
9 whom the patient has a significant relationship;

10 (8) counsel the patient about the importance of ensuring that another
11 individual is present when the patient takes the medication prescribed pursuant
12 to this chapter and the importance of not taking the medication in a
13 public place;

14 (9)(A) inform the patient that the patient has an opportunity to rescind
15 the request at any time and in any manner; and

16 (B) offer the patient an opportunity to rescind after the patient's
17 second oral request;

18 (10) verify, immediately prior to writing the prescription for medication
19 under this chapter, that the patient is making an informed decision;

20 (11) fulfill the medical record documentation requirements of section
21 5290 of this title;

1 (12) ensure that all required steps are carried out in accordance with this
2 chapter prior to writing a prescription for medication to hasten death; and

3 (13)(A) dispense medication directly, including ancillary medication
4 intended to facilitate the desired effect while minimizing the patient's
5 discomfort, provided the prescribing physician is licensed to dispense
6 medication in Vermont, has a current Drug Enforcement Administration
7 certificate, and complies with any applicable administrative rules; or

8 (B) with the patient's written consent:

9 (i) contact a pharmacist and inform the pharmacist of the
10 prescription; and

11 (ii) deliver the written prescription personally or by mail or
12 facsimile to the pharmacist, who will dispense the medication to the patient,
13 the prescribing physician, or an expressly identified agent of the patient.

14 § 5284. MEDICAL CONSULTATION REQUIRED

15 Before a patient is qualified in accordance with this chapter, a consulting
16 physician shall physically examine the patient, review the patient's relevant
17 medical records, and confirm in writing the prescribing physician's diagnosis
18 that the patient is suffering from a terminal condition and verify that the patient
19 is capable, is acting voluntarily, and has made an informed decision. The
20 consulting physician shall either verify that the patient does not have impaired

1 judgment or refer the patient for an evaluation under section 5285 of this
2 chapter.

3 § 5285. REFERRAL FOR EVALUATION

4 If, in the opinion of the prescribing physician or the consulting physician, a
5 patient may have impaired judgment, either physician shall refer the patient for
6 an evaluation. A medication to end the patient's life shall not be prescribed
7 until the person conducting the evaluation determines that the patient is
8 capable and does not have impaired judgment.

9 § 5286. INFORMED DECISION

10 A person shall not receive a prescription for medication to hasten his or her
11 death unless the patient has made an informed decision. Immediately prior to
12 writing a prescription for medication in accordance with this chapter, the
13 prescribing physician shall verify that the patient is making an informed
14 decision.

15 § 5287. RECOMMENDED NOTIFICATION

16 The prescribing physician shall recommend that the patient notify the
17 patient's next of kin or someone with whom the patient has a significant
18 relationship of the patient's request for medication in accordance with this
19 chapter. A patient who declines or is unable to notify the next of kin or the
20 person with whom the patient has a significant relationship shall not be refused
21 medication in accordance with this chapter.

1 § 5288. RIGHT TO RESCIND

2 A patient may rescind the request for medication in accordance with this
3 chapter at any time and in any manner regardless of the patient's mental state.

4 A prescription for medication under this chapter shall not be written without
5 the prescribing physician's offering the patient an opportunity to rescind the
6 request.

7 § 5289. WAITING PERIOD

8 The prescribing physician shall write a prescription no less than 48 hours
9 after the last to occur of the following events:

10 (1) the patient's written request for medication to hasten his or her
11 death;

12 (2) the patient's second oral request; or

13 (3) the prescribing physician's offering the patient an opportunity to
14 rescind the request.

15 § 5290. MEDICAL RECORD DOCUMENTATION

16 (a) The following shall be documented and filed in the patient's medical
17 record:

18 (1) the date, time, and wording of all oral requests of the patient for
19 medication to hasten his or her death;

20 (2) all written requests by a patient for medication to hasten his or her
21 death;

1 (3) the prescribing physician's diagnosis, prognosis, and basis for the
2 determination that the patient is capable, is acting voluntarily, and has made an
3 informed decision;

4 (4) the consulting physician's diagnosis, prognosis, and verification,
5 pursuant to section 5284 of this title, that the patient is capable, is acting
6 voluntarily, and has made an informed decision;

7 (5) a copy of the patient's advance directive;

8 (6) the prescribing physician's attestation that the patient was enrolled in
9 hospice care at the time of the patient's oral and written requests for
10 medication to hasten his or her death or that the prescribing physician informed
11 the patient of all feasible end-of-life services;

12 (7) the prescribing physician's and consulting physician's verifications
13 that the patient either does not have impaired judgment or that the prescribing
14 or consulting physician, or both, referred the patient for an evaluation pursuant
15 to section 5285 of this title and the person conducting the evaluation has
16 determined that the patient does not have impaired judgment;

17 (8) a report of the outcome and determinations made during any
18 evaluation which the patient may have received;

19 (9) the date, time, and wording of the prescribing physician's offer to
20 the patient to rescind the request for medication at the time of the patient's
21 second oral request; and

1 (10) a note by the prescribing physician indicating that all requirements
2 under this chapter have been satisfied and describing all of the steps taken to
3 carry out the request, including a notation of the medication prescribed.

4 ~~(b) Medical records compiled pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to~~
5 ~~discovery only if the court finds that the records are:~~

6 ~~(1) necessary to resolve issues of compliance with or limitations on~~
7 ~~actions under this chapter; or~~

8 ~~(2) essential to proving individual cases of civil or criminal liability and~~
9 ~~are otherwise unavailable.~~

10 § 5291. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

11 (a) The Department of Health shall require:

12 (1) that any physician who writes a prescription pursuant to this chapter
13 promptly file a report with the Department covering all the prerequisites for
14 writing a prescription under this chapter; and

15 (2) physicians to report on an annual basis the number of written
16 requests for medication received pursuant to this chapter, regardless of whether
17 a prescription was actually written in each instance.

18 (b) The Department shall review annually the medical records of qualified
19 patients who hastened their deaths in accordance with this chapter during the
20 previous year.

1 (c) The Department shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to
2 facilitate the collection of information regarding compliance with this chapter
3 and to enable the Department to report information as required by subsection
4 (d) of this section. Individually identifiable health information collected under
5 this chapter, as well as reports filed pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of this
6 section, are confidential and are exempt from public inspection and copying
7 under the Public Records Act.

8 (d) The Department shall generate, and make available to the public to the
9 extent that doing so would not reasonably be expected to violate the privacy of
10 any person, an annual statistical report of information collected under
11 subsections (a) and (b) of this section, including:

12 (1) demographic information regarding qualified patients who hastened
13 their deaths in accordance with this chapter, including the underlying illness
14 and the type of health insurance or other health coverage, if any;

15 (2) any reasons given by qualified patients for their use of medication to
16 hasten their deaths in accordance with this chapter, including whether patients
17 expressed concerns about:

18 (A) being a burden to family or caregivers;

19 (B) the financial implications of treatment; and

20 (C) inadequate pain control;

1 (3) information regarding physicians prescribing medication in
2 accordance with this chapter, including physicians' compliance with the
3 requirements of this chapter;

4 (4) the number of **qualified** patients who did not take the medication
5 prescribed pursuant to this chapter and died of other causes; and

6 (5) **the length of time between when a patient ingested the medication**
7 **and when death occurred and** the number of instances in which medication was
8 taken by a qualified patient to hasten death but failed to have the intended
9 effect.

10 § 5292. SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS

11 The Department of Health shall adopt rules providing for the safe disposal
12 of unused medications prescribed under this chapter.

13 (1) The Department initially shall adopt rules under this section as
14 emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844. The General Assembly
15 determines that adoption of emergency rules pursuant to this subdivision is
16 necessary to address an imminent peril to public health and safety.

17 (2) Contemporaneously with the initial adoption of emergency rules
18 under subdivision (1) of this section, the Department shall propose permanent
19 rules under this section for adoption pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 836–843. The
20 Department subsequently may revise these rules in accordance with the
21 Vermont Administrative Procedure Act.

1 § 5293. PROHIBITIONS; ~~CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION~~; INSURANCE

2 POLICIES

3 ~~(a) A provision in a contract, will, trust, or other agreement, whether~~
4 ~~written or oral, shall not be valid to the extent the provision would affect~~
5 ~~whether a person may make or rescind a request for medication to hasten his or~~
6 ~~her death in accordance with this chapter.~~

7 (a) The sale, procurement, or issue of any life, health, or accident insurance
8 or annuity policy or the rate charged for any policy shall not be conditioned
9 upon or affected by the making or rescinding of a request by a person for
10 medication to hasten his or her death in accordance with this chapter or the act
11 by a qualified patient to hasten his or her death pursuant to this chapter.

12 Neither shall a qualified patient's act of ingesting medication to hasten his or
13 her death have an effect on a life, health, or accident insurance or annuity
14 policy.

15 (b) The sale, procurement, or issue of any medical malpractice insurance
16 policy or the rate charged for the policy shall not be conditioned upon or
17 affected by whether the physician is willing or unwilling to participate in the
18 provision to a qualified patient of medication to hasten his or her death in
19 accordance with this chapter.

1 § 5294. LIMITATIONS ON ACTIONS

2 (a) A person shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or professional
3 disciplinary action for actions taken in good faith reliance on the provisions of
4 this chapter. This includes being present when a qualified patient takes the
5 prescribed medication to hasten his or her death in accordance with this
6 chapter.

7 (b) This includes A person shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability
8 or professional disciplinary action solely for being present when a qualified
9 patient takes prescribed medication to hasten his or her death in accordance
10 with this chapter.

11 (c) A health care provider shall not subject a person to discipline,
12 suspension, loss of license, loss of privileges, or other penalty for actions taken
13 in good faith reliance on the provisions of this chapter or refusals to act under
14 this chapter.

15 (d) The provision by a prescribing physician of medication in good faith
16 reliance on the provisions of this chapter shall not constitute patient neglect for
17 any purpose of law.

18 (e) A request by a patient for medication under this chapter shall not
19 provide the sole basis for the appointment of a guardian or conservator.

20 (f)(1) A health care provider shall not be under any duty, whether by
21 contract, by statute, or by any other legal requirement, to participate in the

1 provision to a qualified patient of medication to hasten his or her death in
2 accordance with this chapter.

3 (2) If a health care provider is unable or unwilling to carry out a
4 patient's request in accordance with this chapter and the patient transfers his or
5 her care to a new health care provider, the previous health care provider, upon
6 request, shall transfer a copy of the patient's relevant medical records to the
7 new health care provider.

8 (3) A decision by a health care provider not to participate in the
9 provision of medication to a qualified patient shall not constitute the
10 abandonment of the patient or unprofessional conduct under 26 V.S.A. § 1354.

11 (g) This section shall not be construed to limit civil or criminal liability for
12 gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct.

13 § 5295. HEALTH CARE FACILITY EXCEPTION

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a health care
15 facility may prohibit a prescribing physician from writing a prescription for
16 medication under this chapter for a patient who is a resident in its facility and
17 intends to use the medication on the facility's premises, provided the facility
18 has notified the prescribing physician in writing of its policy with regard to the
19 prescriptions. Notwithstanding subsection 5294(b) of this title, any health care
20 provider who violates a policy established by a health care facility under this
21 section may be subject to sanctions otherwise allowable under law or contract.

1 § 5296. LIABILITIES AND PENALTIES

2 (a) With the exception of the limitations on actions established by section
3 5294 of this title and with the exception of the provisions of section 5298 of
4 this title, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit liability for civil
5 damages resulting from negligent conduct or intentional misconduct by any
6 person.

7 (b) With the exception of the limitations on actions established by section
8 5294 of this title and with the exception of the provisions of section 5298 of
9 this title, nothing in this chapter **or in 13 V.S.A. § 2312** shall be construed to
10 limit criminal prosecution under any other provision of law.

11 (c) A health care provider is subject to review and disciplinary action by
12 the appropriate licensing entity for failing to act in accordance with this
13 chapter, provided such failure is not in good faith.

14 § 5297. FORM OF THE WRITTEN REQUEST

15 A written request for medication as authorized by this chapter shall be
16 substantially in the following form:

17 REQUEST FOR MEDICATION TO HASTEN MY DEATH

18 I, _____, am an adult of sound mind.

19 I am suffering from _____, which my prescribing physician has
20 determined is a terminal disease and which has been confirmed by a consulting
21 physician.

1 I have been fully informed of my diagnosis, prognosis, the nature of
2 medication to be prescribed and potential associated risks, and the expected
3 result. I am enrolled in hospice care and have completed an advance directive.
4 I have been informed of all feasible end-of-life services or am enrolled in
5 hospice care.

6 I request that my prescribing physician prescribe medication that will hasten
7 my death.

8 INITIAL ONE:

9 _____ I have informed my family or others with whom I have a significant
10 relationship of my decision and taken their opinions into consideration.

11 _____ I have decided not to inform my family or others with whom I have a
12 significant relationship of my decision.

13 _____ I have no family or others with whom I have a significant relationship to
14 inform of my decision.

15 I understand that I have the right to change my mind at any time.

16 I understand the full import of this request, and I expect to die when I take
17 the medication to be prescribed. I further understand that although most deaths
18 occur within three hours, my death may take longer, and my physician has
19 counseled me about this possibility.

20 I make this request voluntarily and without reservation, and I accept full
21 moral responsibility for my actions.

1 Signed: _____ Dated: _____

2 AFFIRMATION OF WITNESSES

3 We affirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

4 (1) the person signing this request:

5 (A) is personally known to us or has provided proof of identity;

6 (B) signed this request in our presence;

7 (C) appears to understand the nature of the document and to be free
8 from duress or undue influence at the time the request was signed; and

9 (2) that neither of us:

10 (A) is under 18 years of age;

11 (B) is a relative (by blood, civil marriage, civil union, or adoption) of
12 the person signing this request;

13 (C) is the patient's prescribing physician, consulting physician, or a
14 person who has conducted an evaluation of the patient pursuant to 18 V.S.A.
15 § 5285;

16 (D) is entitled to any portion of the person's assets or estate upon
17 death; or

18 (E) owns, operates, or is employed at a health care facility where the
19 person is a patient or resident.

20 Witness 1/Date _____

21 Witness 2/Date _____

1 NOTE: A knowingly false affirmation by a witness may result in criminal
2 penalties.

3 § 5298. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

4 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize a physician or any
5 other person to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing, or active
6 euthanasia. Action taken in accordance with this chapter shall not be construed
7 for any purpose to constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing, or
8 homicide under the law. This section shall not be construed to conflict with
9 section 1553 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act, Pub. L.
10 No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act
11 of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152.

12 § 5299. NO EFFECT ON PALLIATIVE SEDATION

13 This chapter shall not limit or otherwise affect the provision, administration,
14 or receipt of palliative sedation consistent with accepted medical standards.

15 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 2312 is added to read:

16 § 2312. VIOLATION OF PATIENT CHOICE AND CONTROL AT END OF
17 LIFE ACT

18 A person who violates 18 V.S.A. chapter 113 with the intent to cause the
19 death of a patient as defined in subdivision 5281(11) of that title may be
20 prosecuted under chapter 53 of this title (homicide).

21 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 2004 is added to read:

1 § 2004. FALSE WITNESSING

2 A person who knowingly violates the requirements of 18 V.S.A. § 5282(c)
3 shall be imprisoned for not more than 10 years or fined not more than
4 \$2,000.00, or both.

5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

6 This act shall take effect on September 1, 2013, except that 18 V.S.A.
7 § 5292 (rules for safe disposal of unused medications) in Sec. 1 of this act shall
8 take effect on passage. The Department of Health shall ensure that emergency
9 rules adopted under Sec. 1 of this act, 18 V.S.A. § 5292, are in effect on or
10 before September 1, 2013.

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