

1 H.377

2 SHORT FORM

3 Introduced by Representative Fisher of Lincoln

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Health; Vermont health access plan; waiting period; uninsured;
7 transportation; surgery; coverage; children; screening; diagnosis

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to:

9 (1) improve access to and coverage of services in the Vermont health
10 access plan (VHAP) by:

11 (A) allowing individuals to receive coverage under VHAP
12 immediately when they lose employer-sponsored or private insurance, instead
13 of requiring an individual to remain uninsured for 12 months;

14 (B) providing payment for transportation to necessary medical
15 treatments in the same manner as is provided in Medicaid; and

16 (C) ensuring the timely treatment and more cost-effective treatment
17 of health conditions by providing coverage for scheduled surgeries, instead of
18 only emergency surgery as is currently covered.

19 (2) provide coverage for the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and
20 treatment (EPSDT) services as described in subsection 1905(r) of the federal
21 Social Security Act, as well as such other medically necessary health care,

1 diagnostic services, treatment, and other measures described in subsection
2 1905(a) to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and
3 conditions discovered by the screening services for beneficiaries under 21
4 years of age covered by private insurance, Dr. Dynasaur, Catamount Health,
5 and any other health benefit or self-insured group plan offered or administered
6 by the state or any subdivision or instrumentality of the state.

7 An act relating to improving access to and coverage of services in the
8 Vermont health access plan and for children

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

10 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)