

H.866

Representative McCullough of Williston moves that the bill be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE; REPORT

(a) For each prescription drug that the Green Mountain Care Board places on the list developed pursuant to Sec. 1(b) of this act, the Board shall consider the disease or other condition for which the drug is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or for which it is commonly prescribed for “off-label” treatment and whether each such disease or condition may be treated with complementary and alternative medicine in lieu of the drug or as a complement to a lower dosage of the drug. In its consideration, the Board shall review relevant studies published in peer-reviewed scientific journals and other evidence-based materials and may consult with interested stakeholders and others knowledgeable about the use of complementary and alternative medicine and its application to treating and preventing diseases and conditions.

(b) On or before January 15, 2017, the Board shall report its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance, including:

- (1) the diseases and conditions identified;
- (2) the evidence supporting the use of complementary and alternative medicine in the treatment or prevention of some or all of the diseases and conditions identified;
- (3) the estimated savings to the health care system from the use of complementary and alternative medicine in lieu of or in addition to prescription drugs; and

(4) the Board's recommendations, including proposed statutory changes to effect the Board's recommendations.

and by renumbering the existing Sec. 2, effective date, to be Sec. 3