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2   Introduced by Representatives Flory of Pittsford, Evans of Essex, Haas of

3   Rochester, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex and Pellett

4   of Chester

5   Referred to Committee on

6   Date:

7   Subject: Health; health insurance; micropigmentation

8   Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow cosmeticians to bill patients

9   and insurers directly for micropigmentation services and allows insurers to

10   cover only those micropigmentation services provided as the result of a referral

11   from a health care professional.

12   An act relating to billing for micropigmentation services

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

14   Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4088i is added to read:

15   § 4088i. MICROPIGMENTATION; BILLING

16   (a) As used in this section:

17   (1) "Health care professional" means an individual, partnership,

18   corporation, facility, or institution licensed or certified or authorized by law to

19   provide professional health care services.

1   (2) "Health insurer" means insurance companies that provide health

2   insurance as defined in subdivision 3301(a)(2) of this title, nonprofit hospital

3   and medical services corporations, and health maintenance organizations.

4   (3) "Health service" means any medically necessary treatment or

5   procedure to maintain, diagnose, or treat an individual's physical or mental

6   condition, including services ordered by a health care professional and

7   medically necessary services to assist in activities of daily living.

8   (4) "Micropigmentation" means a procedure in which minute,

9   metabolically inert pigment granules are placed mechanically or manually

10   below the epidermis for the purpose of cosmetic enhancement, corrective

11   improvement, or both.

12   (b) A micropigmentation practitioner may bill a health insurer or patient

13   directly for services.

14   (c) A health insurer providing coverage for micropigmentation may choose

15   to cover only those micropigmentation services provided as the result of a

16   referral from a health care professional.