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Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Demrow of
Corinth, Fegard of Berkshire, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of
Fairfield, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town,
Lefebvre of Newark, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marcotte of
Coventry, McCoy of Poultney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of
Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Strong
of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Wood of Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
Living; long-term care facilities

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the
Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living to maintain a
listing on its website for each licensed long-term care facility in the State that
includes whether the facility is in compliance with the federal Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid Services' requirements and the numbers of resident
accidents, injuries, and suicides within the previous two years.

1 An act relating to making information available about licensed long-term
2 care facilities

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

4 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 506 is added to read:

5 § 506. LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY INFORMATION

6 The Department shall create and maintain on its website a dedicated web
7 page or web pages with a listing for each long-term care facility licensed by
8 the Department pursuant to chapter 71 of this title. The web page or web
9 pages shall allow consumers to search for a specific facility by name or
10 geographic location and shall also display a list of all facilities that may be
11 sorted both alphabetically and by facility type.

12 (1) The listing for each facility shall present information in a consumer-
13 friendly manner and shall include:

14 (A) whether the facility is in compliance with the Centers for
15 Medicare and Medicaid Services' conditions for participation;

16 (B) the numbers of resident accidents, injuries, and suicides at the
17 facility within the previous two years; and

18 (C) links to all of the facility's inspection and investigation reports
19 from the previous five years, including all materials describing deficiencies,
20 violations, and citations.

21 (2) The Department shall update the information for each facility at least
22 quarterly.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.