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2 Representatives Black of Essex, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of  
3 Vergennes, Cina of Burlington, Critchlow of Colchester, Goldman of  
4 Rockingham, Lueders of Lincoln, and McFaun of Barre Town move that the  
5 report of the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, as  
6 amended by the Committee on Ways and Means, be further amended by  
7 adding a reader assistance heading and a new section to be Sec. 14a to read as  
8 follows:

9 \* \* \* Pharmacists \* \* \*

10 Sec. 14a. 26 V.S.A. § 2023 is amended to read:

11 § 2023. CLINICAL PHARMACY; PRESCRIBING AND TESTING

12 (a) In accordance with applicable rules adopted by the Board, a pharmacist  
13 may engage in the practice of clinical pharmacy, including prescribing as set  
14 forth in subsection (b) of this section, provided that a pharmacist shall not:

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16 (3) initiate antibiotic therapy, except pursuant to a collaborative practice  
17 agreement or state protocol.

18 (b) A pharmacist may prescribe in the following contexts:

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20 (2) State protocol.

1 (A) A pharmacist may prescribe, order, or administer in a manner  
2 consistent with valid State protocols that are approved by the Commissioner of  
3 Health after consultation with the Director of Professional Regulation and the  
4 Board and the ability for public comment:

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6 (x) emergency prescribing of albuterol or glucagon while  
7 contemporaneously contacting emergency services;

8 ~~(xi) tests for COVID-19 for individuals by entities holding a~~  
9 ~~Certificate of Waiver pursuant to the Clinical Laboratory Amendments of 1988~~  
10 ~~(42 U.S.C. § 263a). If a test for COVID-19, prescribed, ordered, or~~  
11 ~~administered by a pharmacist in accordance with this section and the resulting~~  
12 ~~State protocol incidentally detects influenza or human respiratory syncytial~~  
13 ~~virus, a pharmacist shall advise the individual tested that the results indicate~~  
14 ~~influenza or human respiratory syncytial virus infection and recommend to the~~  
15 ~~individual to seek further care from an appropriate health care provider;~~

16 ~~(xii) tests for SARS-CoV for asymptomatic individuals or related~~  
17 ~~serology for individuals by entities holding a Certificate of Waiver pursuant to~~  
18 ~~the Clinical Laboratory Amendments of 1988 (42 U.S.C. § 263a); and~~

19 ~~(xiii)~~(xi) emergency contraception; and

20 (xii) tests waived under 42 C.F.R. § 493.15 for COVID-19,  
21 influenza, and streptococcal pharyngitis and subsequent drug treatment.

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