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Wednesday, January 31, 2024

29th DAY OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION

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ACTION CALENDAR

Third Reading

H. 363

An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on certain hair types and styles

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Donahue of Northfield, McGill of Bridport, and Small of Winooski to H. 363

That the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4502 is amended to read:

§ 4502. PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

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(m) As used in this section, the terms race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability include traits that are associated with or perceived to be associated with that particular characteristic, including hair types, hair textures, hairstyles, wigs, headwraps, and other head coverings.

Sec. 2. 9 V.S.A. § 4503 is amended to read:

§ 4503. UNFAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

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(e) As used in this section, the terms race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, and disability include traits that are associated with or perceived to be associated with that particular characteristic, including hair types, hair textures, hairstyles, wigs, headwraps, and other head coverings.

Sec. 3. 21 V.S.A. § 495d is amended to read:

§ 495d. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

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(17) The terms race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, place of birth, age, physical or mental

condition, and disability include traits that are associated with or perceived to be associated with that particular characteristic, including hair type, hair texture, hairstyles, wigs, headwraps, and other head coverings.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

Favorable

S. 160

An act relating to State education property taxes and flood-related damage

Rep. Anthony of Barre City, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

(Committee Vote: 12-0-0)

Rep. Mihaly of Calais, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-1)

For Informational Purposes

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3)(D):

JFO #3179: Two (2) limited-service positions. One (1) to the Department of Mental Health, Project AWARE Lead Coordinator and one (1) to the Agency of Education, Project AWARE Co-Coordinator. The positions will liaison to coordinate and expand the state's efforts to develop sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health. Both positions are fully funded through 9/29/28 from previous SAMHSA grant award JFO #2934.

[Received January 26, 2024]

JFO #3178: \$456,436.00 to the Agency of Natural Resources, Secretary's Office from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Funds will support (1) limited-service position, Environmental Analyst IV. This position will serve as administrative lead developing the updated Climate Action Plan with the

Vermont Climate Council and perform added work required by the EPA grant. Position is funded through 6/30/2027.

[Received January 11, 2024]

JFO #3177: \$2,543,564.00 to the Agency of Natural Resources, Secretary's Office from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Funding is phase one of a two-phase funding opportunity aimed to support Vermont with climate change mitigation planning efforts. A comprehensive climate action plan will be developed, to overlap with and be synonymous to the required update to Vermont's Climate Action Plan in 2025.

[Received January 12, 2024]

JFO #3176: \$250,000.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Mental Health from the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. These funds will increase rapid access to behavioral health care by supporting the peer service component of the mental health urgent care clinic being established in Chittenden County. This clinic will offer an alternative to seeking mental health care in emergency departments

[Received January 11, 2024]