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ACTION CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

S. 163

An act relating to the role of advanced practice registered nurses in hospital care

Rep. Goldman of Rockingham, for the Committee on Health Care, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1851 is amended to read:

§ 1851. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" or "APRN" means an individual licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, subchapter 2.

(2) "Hospital" means a hospital required to be licensed under chapter 43 of this title.

~~(2)~~(3) "Patient" means ~~a person~~ an individual admitted to a hospital on an inpatient basis.

(4) "Physician" means an individual licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33.

(5) "Physician assistant" means an individual licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 31.

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 1852 is amended to read:

§ 1852. PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS; ADOPTION

(a) The General Assembly hereby adopts the "Bill of Rights for Hospital Patients" as follows:

(1) The patient has the right to considerate and respectful care at all times and under all circumstances with recognition of ~~his or her~~ the patient's personal dignity.

(2) The patient shall have an attending physician, physician assistant, or APRN who is responsible for coordinating ~~a~~ the patient's care.

(3) The patient has the right to obtain, from the physician, physician assistant, or APRN coordinating ~~his or her~~ the patient's care, complete and current information concerning diagnosis, treatment, and any known prognosis in terms the patient can reasonably be expected to understand. If the patient consents or if the patient is incompetent or unable to understand, immediate family members or a guardian may also obtain this information. The patient has the right to know by name the attending physician, physician assistant, or APRN primarily responsible for coordinating ~~his or her~~ the patient's care.

(4) Except in emergencies, the patient has the right to receive from the patient's physician, physician assistant, or APRN information necessary to give informed consent prior to the start of any procedure or treatment, or both. Such information for informed consent should include the specific procedure or treatment, or both; the medically significant risks involved; and the probable duration of incapacitation. Where medically significant alternatives for care or treatment exist, or when the patient requests information concerning medical alternatives, the patient has the right to such information. The patient also has the right to know the name of the person responsible for the procedures or treatment, or both.

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(7) The patient has the right to expect that all communications and records pertaining to ~~his or her~~ the patient's care shall be treated as confidential. Only medical personnel, or individuals under the supervision of medical personnel, directly treating the patient, or those persons monitoring the quality of that treatment, or researching the effectiveness of that treatment, shall have access to the patient's medical records. Others may have access to those records only with the patient's written authorization.

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(9) The patient has the right to know the identity and professional status of individuals providing service to ~~him or her~~ the patient and to know which physician, physician assistant, APRN, or other practitioner is primarily responsible for ~~his or her~~ the patient's care. This includes the patient's right to know of the existence of any professional relationship among individuals who are treating ~~him or her~~ the patient, as well as the relationship to any other health care or educational institutions involved in ~~his or her~~ the patient's care.

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(11) The patient has the right to expect reasonable continuity of care. The patient has the right to be informed by the attending physician, physician

assistant, or APRN of any continuing health care requirements following discharge.

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(13) The patient has the right to know what hospital rules and regulations apply to ~~his or her~~ the patient's conduct as a patient.

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(b) Failure to comply with any provision of this section may constitute a basis for disciplinary action against a physician under 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33, against a physician assistant under 26 V.S.A. chapter 31, or against an APRN under 26 V.S.A. chapter 28. A complaint may be filed with the Board of Medical Practice or the Office of Professional Regulation as applicable based on the license held by the practitioner.

(c) A summary of the hospital's obligations under this section, written in clear language and in easily readable print, shall be distributed to patients upon admission and posted conspicuously at each nurse's station. Such notice shall also indicate that as an alternative or in addition to the hospital's complaint procedures, the patient may directly contact the licensing agency, the Office of Professional Regulation, or the Board of Medical Practice, as applicable. The address and telephone number of the licensing agency, the Office of Professional Regulation, and the Board of Medical Practice shall be included in the notice.

Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 1905 is amended to read:

§ 1905. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Upon receipt of an application for a license and the license fee, the licensing agency shall issue a license when it determines that the applicant and hospital facilities meet the following minimum standards:

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(5) All patients admitted to the hospital shall be under the care of a ~~State registered and licensed practicing physician as defined by the laws of the State of Vermont~~ physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 31, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, subchapter 2. All hospitals shall use the uniform credentialing application form described in subsection 9408a(b) of this title.

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(8) Professional case records shall be compiled for all patients and signed by the attending physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse. These records shall be kept on file for a minimum of 10 years.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act relating to the role of advanced practice providers in hospital care"

(Committee vote: 10-0-0)

S. 181

An act relating to eliminating the requirement for a presentence investigation for imposition of a deferred sentence

Rep. Arsenault of Williston, for the Committee on Judiciary, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, 13 V.S.A. § 7041, by inserting a new subdivision to be subdivision (a)(3) to read as follows:

(3) If the offense is not a listed crime as provided in subdivision 5301(7) of this title, the court may, at its discretion, order a presentence investigation.

(Committee vote: 7-2-2)

Favorable

S. 183

An act relating to home improvement and land improvement fraud

Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington, for the Committee on Judiciary, recommends that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

(Committee Vote: 8-0-3)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Favorable

S. 218

An act relating to reducing chloride contamination of State waters

Rep. Chapin of East Montpelier, for the Committee on Environment, recommends that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

(Committee Vote: 8-3-0)

Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

(Committee Vote: 9-2-0)

Rep. Squirrell of Underhill, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

(Committee Vote: 10-1-0)

CONSENT CALENDAR FOR NOTICE

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a - 16d

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in that member's chamber prior to adjournment of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar.

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For Informational Purposes

CROSSOVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following crossover dates:

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 13, 2026**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 20, 2026**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the general Appropriations bill ("The Big Bill"), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill, and the Fee/Revenue bills).

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (H.C.R.) PROCESS

Joint Rules 16a–16d provide the procedure for the General Assembly to adopt concurrent resolutions pursuant to the Consent Calendar. Here are the steps for Representatives to introduce an H.C.R. and to have it ceremonially read during a House session:

1. Meet with or email Legislative Counselor Michael Chernick regarding your H.C.R. draft request. Come prepared with an idea and any relevant supporting documents.
2. Have a date in mind if you want a ceremonial reading. You should communicate with Counselor Chernick **at least two weeks prior** to the week you want your ceremonial reading to happen.
3. Counselor Chernick will draft your H.C.R., and Resolutions Editor and Coordinator Jill Pralle will edit it. Upon completion of this process, a paper or electronic copy will be released to you. If a paper copy is released to you, a sponsor sign-out sheet will also be included.
4. Please submit a final sponsor list (with all sponsors listed) to Counselor Chernick by paper *or* electronically, but not both.
5. The final list of sponsors needs to be submitted, by email *or* on a paper sign-out sheet, to Counselor Chernick **not later than 1:00 p.m. the Wednesday of the week prior** to the H.C.R.'s appearance on the Consent Calendar.
6. The Office of Legislative Counsel will then send your H.C.R. to the House Clerk's Office for incorporation into the Consent Calendar and House Calendar Addendum for the following week.
7. The week that your H.C.R. is on the Consent Calendar, any presentation copies that you requested will be mailed or available for pickup on Friday, after the House and Senate adjourn, which is when your H.C.R. is adopted pursuant to Joint Rules.
8. Your H.C.R. can be ceremonially read during a House session once it is adopted, meaning it must have been adopted through the House Consent Calendar not later than the week prior to your requested ceremonial reading date. Contact Second Assistant Clerk Courtney Reckord to confirm your requested ceremonial reading date.
9. A Note: If there is a **specific date, week, or month that your resolution must be read** (e.g. to designate a specified period of time or to recognize a group on a certain day), please inform Second Assistant Clerk Courtney Reckord as soon as possible, so she can reserve that date in advance. You do not need to have the resolution drafted by then.

JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE NOTICES

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 #3273: $29,303,666.00 to the Public Service Department, Office of Economic Opportunity from the U.S. Department of Energy. The Home Energy Rebate Program funds will be used to weatherize low-income homes. The first-year distribution is $14,133.00 with subsequent yearly awards through May 31, 2029, for a total of $29,303,666.00. *[Received March 9, 2026]*

JFO #3274: $50,000.00 to the Vermont Secretary of State's office from the Vermont Community Foundation. Funds are for the Local Civic Journalism program to support the State of Vermont Local Journalism Awards. This award expands the Local Journalism grants in the FY26 Secretary of State's budget. *[Received March 16, 2026]*

JFO #3275: $250,000.00 to the Vermont Police Academy, Criminal Justice Training Council from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Funds to support curriculum development of de-escalation of volatile and high-risk situations. *[Received March 16, 2026]*

JFO #3276: Twelve (12) limited-service positions to the Agency of Human Services, various departments, to staff the Rural Health Transformation Initiative. The Rural Health Transformation grant, JFO #3272 was approved at the Joint Fiscal Committee meeting on February 6, 2026. All limited-service positions are expected to be funded through 9/30/2031. *[Received March 31, 2026]*