

House Calendar

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ACTION CALENDAR

Third Reading

H. 182

An act relating to search and rescue

Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 41

An act relating to civil forfeiture of retirement payments to public officials convicted of certain crimes

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 623, by inserting a new subsection (h) to read:

(h) If the Court determines that a member's retirement benefits should be forfeited to any degree, the maximum value of the benefits ordered forfeited shall not be greater than ten times the amount of monetary loss suffered by the State, a county, a municipality, or by any other person as a result of the crime related to public office.

And by relettering the existing subsection (h) and the remaining subsection to be alphabetically correct.

Second: In Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 625, in subsection (b), in the second sentence, by inserting after “any court of competent jurisdiction” and before the comma, the following: that relates to the crime related to public office of which the member was convicted

(For text see House Journal 2/14/2013)

Action Under Rule 52

J.R.S. 17

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of seven Superior Judges and one Magistrate

(For text see House Journal 3/13/2013)

NOTICE CALENDAR
Favorable with Amendment
H. 297

An act relating to duties and functions of the Department of Public Service

Rep. Young of Glover, for the Committee on **Commerce and Economic Development**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Participation in Federal Proceedings * * *

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 2(b) is amended to read:

(b) In cases requiring hearings by the ~~board~~ Board, the ~~department~~ Department, through the ~~director for public advocacy~~ Director for Public Advocacy, shall represent the interests of the people of the ~~state~~ State, unless otherwise specified by law. In any hearing, the ~~board~~ Board may, if it determines that the public interest would be served, request the ~~attorney general~~ Attorney General or a member of the Vermont ~~bar~~ Bar to represent the public or the ~~state~~ State. In addition, the Department may intervene, appear, and participate in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings, Federal Communications Commission proceedings, or other federal administrative proceedings on behalf of the Vermont public.

* * * Coordination of Energy Planning * * *

Sec. 2. 30 V.S.A. § 202 is amended to read:

§ 202. ELECTRICAL ENERGY PLANNING

(a) The ~~department of public service~~ Department of Public Service, through the ~~director for regulated utility planning~~ Director for Regulated Utility Planning, shall constitute the responsible utility planning agency of the ~~state~~ State for the purpose of obtaining for all consumers in the ~~state~~ State proper utility service at minimum cost under efficient and economical management consistent with other public policy of the ~~state~~ State. The ~~director~~ Director shall be responsible for the provision of plans for meeting emerging trends related to electrical energy demand, supply, safety, and conservation.

(b) The ~~department~~ Department, through the ~~director~~ Director, shall prepare an electrical energy plan for the ~~state~~ State. The plan shall be for a 20-year period and shall serve as a basis for state electrical energy policy. The electric energy plan shall be based on the principles of “least cost integrated planning” set out in and developed under section 218c of this title. The plan shall include at a minimum:

(1) an overview, looking 20 years ahead, of statewide growth and development as they relate to future requirements for electrical energy, including patterns of urban expansion, statewide and service area economic growth, shifts in transportation modes, modifications in housing types and design, conservation and other trends and factors which, as determined by the ~~director~~ Director, will significantly affect state electrical energy policy and programs;

(2) an assessment of all energy resources available to the ~~state~~ State for electrical generation or to supply electrical power, including, among others, fossil fuels, nuclear, hydro-electric, biomass, wind, fuel cells, and solar energy and strategies for minimizing the economic and environmental costs of energy supply, including the production of pollutants, by means of efficiency and emission improvements, fuel shifting, and other appropriate means;

(3) estimates of the projected level of electrical energy demand;

(4) a detailed exposition, including capital requirements and the estimated cost to consumers, of how such demand shall be met based on the assumptions made in subdivision (1) of this subsection and the policies set out in subsection (c) of this section; and

(5) specific strategies for reducing electric rates to the greatest extent possible in Vermont over the most immediate ~~five-year~~ six-year period, for the next succeeding ~~five-year~~ six-year period, and long-term sustainable strategies for achieving and maintaining the lowest possible electric rates over the full 20-year planning horizon consistent with the goal of maintaining a financially stable electric utility industry in Vermont.

(c) In developing the plan, the ~~department~~ Department shall take into account the protection of public health and safety; preservation of environmental quality; the potential for reduction of rates paid by all retail electricity customers; the potential for reduction of electrical demand through conservation, including alternative utility rate structures; use of load management technologies; efficiency of electrical usage; utilization of waste heat from generation; and utility assistance to consumers in energy conservation.

(d) In establishing plans, the ~~director~~ Director shall:

(1) Consult with:

(A) the public;

(B) Vermont municipal utilities;

(C) Vermont cooperative utilities;

- (D) Vermont investor-owned utilities;
- (E) Vermont electric transmission companies;
- (F) environmental and residential consumer advocacy groups active in electricity issues;
- (G) industrial customer representatives;
- (H) commercial customer representatives;
- (I) the ~~public service board~~ Public Service Board;
- (J) an entity designated to meet the public's need for energy efficiency services under subdivision 218c(a)(2) of this title;
- (K) other interested state agencies; and
- (L) other energy providers.

(2) To the extent necessary, include in the plan surveys to determine needed and desirable plant improvements and extensions and coordination between utility systems, joint construction of facilities by two or more utilities, methods of operations, and any change that will produce better service or reduce costs. To this end, the ~~director~~ Director may require the submission of data by each company subject to supervision, of its anticipated electrical demand, including load fluctuation, supplies, costs, and its plan to meet that demand and such other information as the ~~director~~ Director deems desirable.

(e) The ~~department~~ Department shall conduct public hearings on the final draft and shall consider the evidence presented at such hearings in preparing the final plan. The plan shall be adopted no later than January 1, ~~2004~~ 2016 and readopted in accordance with this section by every sixth January 1 thereafter, and shall be submitted to the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly each time the plan is adopted or readopted. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the submission to be made under this subsection.

(f) After adoption by the ~~department~~ Department of a final plan, any company seeking ~~board~~ Board authority to make investments, to finance, to site or construct a generation or transmission facility or to purchase electricity or rights to future electricity, shall notify the ~~department~~ Department of the proposed action and request a determination by the ~~department~~ Department whether the proposed action is consistent with the plan. In its determination whether to permit the proposed action, the ~~board~~ Board shall consider the ~~department's~~ Department's determination of its consistency with the plan along with all other factors required by law or relevant to the ~~board's~~ Board's decision on the proposed action. If the proposed action is inconsistent with the

plan, the ~~board~~ Board may nevertheless authorize the proposed action if it finds that there is good cause to do so. The ~~department~~ Department shall be a party to any proceeding on the proposed action, except that this section shall not be construed to require a hearing if not otherwise required by law.

(g) The ~~director~~ Director shall annually review that portion of a plan extending over the next ~~five~~ six years. The ~~department~~ Department, through the ~~director~~ Director, shall ~~annually~~ biennially extend the plan by ~~one~~ two additional ~~year~~ years; and from time to time, ~~but in no~~ and in any event ~~less than every five years~~ sixth year, institute proceedings to review a plan and make revisions, where necessary. The ~~five-year~~ six-year review and any interim revisions shall be made according to the procedures established in this section for initial adoption of the plan. The six-year review and any revisions made in connection with that review shall be performed contemporaneously with readoption of the comprehensive energy plan under section 202b of this title.

(h) The plans adopted under this section ~~shall be submitted to the energy committees of the general assembly and~~ shall become the electrical energy portion of the state energy plan.

(i) It shall be a goal of the electrical energy plan to assure, by 2028, that at least 60 MW of power are generated within the ~~state~~ State by combined heat and power (CHP) facilities powered by renewable fuels ~~or by nonqualifying SPEED resources~~, as defined in section 8002 of this title. In order to meet this goal, the plan shall include incentives for development and strategies to identify locations in the ~~state~~ State that would be suitable for CHP. The plan shall include strategies to assure the consideration of CHP potential during any process related to the expansion of natural gas services in the ~~state~~ State.

Sec. 3. 30 V.S.A. § 202b is amended to read:

§ 202b. STATE COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN

(a) The ~~department of public service~~ Department of Public Service, in conjunction with other state agencies designated by the ~~governor~~ Governor, shall prepare a comprehensive state energy plan covering at least a 20-year period. The plan shall seek to implement the state energy policy set forth in section 202a of this title. The plan shall include:

(1) A comprehensive analysis and projections regarding the use, cost, supply, and environmental effects of all forms of energy resources used within Vermont.

(2) Recommendations for ~~state~~ State implementation actions, regulation, legislation, and other public and private action to carry out the comprehensive energy plan.

(b) In developing or updating the plan's recommendations, the ~~department of public service~~ Department of Public Service shall seek public comment by holding public hearings in at least five different geographic regions of the ~~state~~ State on at least three different dates, and by providing notice through publication once a week and at least seven days apart for two or more successive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the regions where the hearings will be held, and by delivering notices to all licensed commercial radio and television stations with transmitting facilities within the ~~state~~ State, plus Vermont Public Radio and Vermont Educational Television.

(c) The ~~department~~ Department shall adopt a state energy plan by ~~no later than January 1, 1994~~ 2016 and shall readopt the plan by every sixth January 1 thereafter. On adoption or readoption, the plan shall be submitted to the General Assembly. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to such submission.

(1) Upon adoption of the plan, analytical portions of the plan may be updated ~~annually~~ and published biennially.

(2) Every fourth year after the adoption or readoption of a plan under this section, the Department shall publish the manner in which the Department will engage the public in the process of readopting the plan under this section.

(3) The publication requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection may be met by inclusion of the subject matter in the Department's biennial report.

(4) The plan's implementation recommendations shall be updated by the ~~department~~ Department no less frequently than every ~~five~~ six years. These recommendations shall be updated prior to the expiration of ~~five~~ six years if the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly passes a joint resolution making a request to that effect. If the ~~department~~ Department proposes or the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly requests the revision of implementation recommendations, the ~~department~~ Department shall hold public hearings on the proposed revisions.

(d) ~~Any distribution~~ Distribution of the plan to members of the ~~general assembly~~ General Assembly shall be in accordance with the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20 ~~(a)-(c)~~.

Sec. 4. INTENT; RETROACTIVE APPLICATION

In enacting Secs. 2 (20-year electric plan) and 3 (comprehensive energy plan) of this act, the General Assembly intends to set the readoption of these plans by the Department of Public Service on a regular six-year cycle.

* * * USF; Prepaid Wireless; Provider Assessment * * *

Sec. 5. 30 V.S.A. § 7521 is amended to read:

§ 7521. CHARGE IMPOSED; WHOLESAL EXEMPTION

(a) A universal service charge is imposed on all retail telecommunications service provided to a Vermont address. Where the location of a service and the location receiving the bill differ, the location of the service shall be used to determine whether the charge applies. The charge is imposed on the person purchasing the service, but shall be collected by the telecommunications provider. Each telecommunications service provider shall include in its tariffs filed at the ~~public service board~~ Public Service Board a description of its billing procedures for the universal service fund charge.

(b) The universal service charge shall not apply to wholesale transactions between telecommunications service providers where the service is a component part of a service provided to an end user. This exemption includes, ~~but is not limited to,~~ network access charges and interconnection charges paid to a local exchange carrier.

(c) In the case of mobile telecommunications service, the universal service charge is imposed when the customer's place of primary use is in Vermont. The terms "customer," "place of primary use," and "mobile telecommunications service" have the meanings given in 4 U.S.C. § 124. All provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 9782 shall apply to the imposition of the universal service charge under this section.

(d)(1) In the case of prepaid wireless telecommunications services, the universal service charge shall be imposed on the provider based on its gross operating revenue.

(2) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) "Gross operating revenue" means the gross operating revenue received by the provider from the sale of prepaid wireless telecommunications service in Vermont, as reported to the Department of Public Service under section 22 of this title.

(B) "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means a telecommunications service as defined in section 203(5) of this title that a consumer pays for in advance and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars which decline with use.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

H. 315

An act relating to group health coverage for same-sex spouses

Rep. Poirier of Barre City, for the Committee on **Health Care**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4063b is added to read:

§ 4063b. COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES OF AN EMPLOYER
DOMICILED OUTSIDE OF VERMONT

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Health insurance” shall have the same meaning as “group health insurance policy or subscriber contract” in section 4091a of this title.

(2) “Marriage” shall have the same meaning as in 15 V.S.A. § 8.

(3) “Party to a civil union” shall have the same meaning as in 15 V.S.A. § 1201.

(b) To the extent permitted under federal law, health insurance coverage provided to Vermont residents who work for an employer domiciled outside of Vermont shall not distinguish between parties to a civil union, married same-sex couples, and married opposite-sex couples.

Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 495 is amended to read:

§ 495. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

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~~(f) The provisions of this section prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity shall not be construed to change the definition of family or dependent in an employee benefit plan. [Repealed.]~~

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

(Committee Vote: 10-1-0)

H. 395

An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Clean Energy Loan Fund.

(Rep. Botzow of Pownal will speak for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.)

Rep. Carr of Brandon, for the Committee on **Commerce and Economic Development**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following::

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, subchapter 13 is added to read:

Subchapter 13. Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund

§ 280cc. CREATION; PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS

(a) There is established within the Authority the Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund, referred to in this subchapter as “the Fund,” the purpose of which shall be to enable the Authority to make loans and provide other forms of financing for projects that stimulate and encourage development and deployment of sustainable energy projects in the State of Vermont.

(b) In this subchapter:

(1) “Renewable energy” shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A. § 8002(17).

(2) “Sustainable energy” means energy efficiency, renewable energy, and technologies that enhance or support the development and implementation of renewable energy or energy efficiency, or both.

§ 280dd. LOAN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED WITHIN THE FUND

(a) The Fund shall consist of:

(1) Existing sustainable energy loans made by the Authority, the Vermont Small Business Development Corporation, and the Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation

(2) Sustainable energy loans originated under the following programs:

(A) The Small Business Energy Efficiency Loan Program, under which the Authority provides loans for qualifying commercial energy efficiency improvements.

(B) The Renewable Energy Loan Program, which the Authority may create to provide loans for qualifying renewable energy projects.

(C) The Agricultural Energy Loan Program, which the Authority may create to provide loans for qualifying agriculture- and forest product-based sustainable energy projects.

(D) The Energy Efficiency Loan Guarantee Program, which the Authority may create to provide loan guarantees to participating lending institutions that enroll loans for sustainable energy projects in the Program.

(3) Programs created by the Authority pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(b) The Fund shall be administered by the Authority and shall not be subject to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.

(c) The Authority may establish:

(1) New financing programs that the Authority determines are necessary to encourage and promote sustainable energy projects and reduce reliance upon traditional fossil fuel sources.

(2) Policies and procedures for programs within the Fund that the Authority determines are necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

Sec. 2. INITIAL CAPITALIZATION OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

The Vermont Economic Development Authority shall provide loan guarantees under the Energy Efficiency Loan Guarantee Program for loans enrolled in the Program by participating banks through an initial capital contribution of \$500,000.00 from the Authority and from additional sources as they become available, which may include capital investments from the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund, State Energy Program grants through the Department of Public Service, and available federal funding.

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 216 is amended to read:

§ 216. AUTHORITY; GENERAL POWERS

The ~~authority~~ Authority is hereby authorized:

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(13) To cause to be incorporated in Vermont a nonprofit corporation which will qualify as a state development company under Title 15 of the United States Code and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The voting members of the ~~authority~~ Authority shall be members of the company and shall constitute the board of directors of the company. The company shall have at least 14 other members selected by the members of the ~~authority~~

Authority. The company shall be organized and operate under the nonprofit corporation laws of the ~~state~~ State of Vermont to the extent not inconsistent herewith. The ~~authority~~ Authority shall have the power to contract with the company to provide staff and management needs of the company. The ~~authority~~ Authority is authorized to contribute ~~up to \$25,000.00~~ to the capital of the company in an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate;

(14) To incorporate one or more nonprofit corporations in Vermont to fulfill the goals of this chapter. Such corporation shall be empowered to borrow money and to receive and accept gifts, grants, or contributions from any source, provided that such gifts, grants, or contributions are not less than \$5,000.00 from any one source for the period of one year and provided that such nonprofit corporation provides business loans of not less than \$2,500.00 to any particular entity or individual. The voting members of the ~~authority~~ Authority shall be directors of the corporation. The corporation shall be organized and operate under the nonprofit corporation laws of the ~~state~~ State of Vermont. The ~~authority~~ Authority may contract with the corporation to provide staff and management needs of the company. The ~~authority~~ Authority may contribute ~~no more than \$1,050,000.00~~ to the capital of the corporation in an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate;

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(17) To contribute to the capital of the Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation established pursuant to chapter 16A of this title in an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate;

(18) To contribute to the capital of the Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund established under subchapter 13 of this chapter in an amount the Authority determines is necessary and appropriate.

Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 234 is amended to read:

§ 234. THE VERMONT JOBS FUND

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(b) In order to provide monies in the ~~industrial development fund~~ Fund for loans under this chapter, the ~~authority~~ Authority may issue notes for purchase by the ~~state treasurer~~ State Treasurer as provided in section 235 of this chapter.

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(f) The Authority may loan money from the Fund to the Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund established under subchapter 13 of this chapter at interest rates and on terms and conditions set by the Authority.

Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 280a is amended to read:

§ 280a. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZED FINANCING PROGRAMS

(a) The ~~authority~~ Authority may develop, modify, and implement any existing or new financing program, provided that any specific project that benefits from such program shall meet the criteria contained in the Vermont sustainable jobs strategy adopted under section 280b of this title, and provided further that the program shall meet the criteria contained in the Vermont sustainable jobs strategy adopted under section 280b of this title. ~~Such~~ These programs may include:

(1) the ~~mortgage insurance program~~ Mortgage Insurance Program, administered under subchapter 2 of chapter 12 of this title;

(2) the ~~loans to local development corporations program~~ Loans to Local Development Corporations Program, administered under subchapter 3 of chapter 12 of this title;

(3) the ~~industrial revenue bond program~~ Industrial Revenue Bond Program, administered under subchapter 4 of chapter 12 of this title;

(4) the ~~direct loan program~~ Direct Loan Program, administered under subchapter 5 of chapter 12 of this title;

(5) the ~~Vermont financial access program, administered under subchapter 8 of chapter 12 of this title;~~

(6) the SBA 504 Certified Development Company and ~~Rural Economic Activity Loan programs~~ Small Business Loan Programs of the authority's Vermont ~~503~~ 504 Corporation, administered by the ~~authority~~ Authority under subdivision 216(13) of this title;

(7)(6) the Small Business Development Corporation ~~program~~ Program, administered by the ~~authority~~ Authority under subdivision 216(14) of this title;

(8)(7) one or more programs targeting economically distressed regions of the ~~state~~ State, and specifically including the ~~authority~~ Authority to develop a program to finance or refinance up to 100 percent of the existing assets or debts of a health, recreation, and fitness organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the income of which is entirely used for its exempt purpose, that owns and operates a recreation facility located in a distressed region of the ~~state~~ State;

(9)(8) an ~~export finance program~~ Export Finance Program, administered by the ~~authority~~ Authority under subchapter 9 of chapter 12 of this title;

(9) a Vermont Sustainable Energy Loan Fund and any programs created thereunder, administered by the Authority under subchapter 13 of this chapter;

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Sec. 6. 10 V.S.A. § 213(b) and (c) are amended to read:

(b) The ~~authority~~ Authority shall have ~~12~~ 15 voting members consisting of the ~~secretary of the agency of commerce and community development, the state treasurer, the secretary of agriculture, food and markets~~ Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the State Treasurer, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and the Commissioner of Public Service, each of whom shall serve as a voting ex officio member, or a designee of any of the aforementioned; and ~~nine~~ 10 members, who shall be residents of the ~~state~~ State of Vermont, appointed by the ~~governor~~ Governor with the advice and consent of the ~~senate~~ Senate. The appointed members shall be appointed for terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. ~~The first members appointed by the governor to the new authority shall be appointed, three for a term of two years, three for a term of four years and three for a term of six years.~~ Appointed members may be removed by the ~~governor~~ Governor for cause and the ~~governor~~ Governor may fill any vacancy occurring among the appointed members for the balance of the unexpired term.

(c) The ~~authority~~ Authority shall elect a chair, from among its appointed members, and a vice chair and treasurer from among its members and shall employ a manager who shall hold office at the ~~authority's~~ Authority's pleasure and who, unless he or she is a member of the classified service under 3 V.S.A. chapter 13 of ~~Title 3~~, shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the ~~authority~~ Authority with the approval of the ~~governor~~ Governor. A quorum shall consist of ~~six~~ eight members. Members disqualified from voting under section 214 of this title shall be considered present for purposes of determining a quorum. No action of the ~~authority~~ Authority shall be considered valid unless the action is supported by a majority vote of the members present and voting and then only if at least ~~four~~ five members vote in favor of the action.

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Sec. 7. 10 V.S.A. § 219(d) is amended to read:

(d) In order to assure the maintenance of the debt service reserve requirement in each debt service reserve fund established by the ~~authority~~ Authority, there may be appropriated annually and paid to the ~~authority~~ Authority for deposit in each such fund, such sum as shall be certified by the chair of the ~~authority~~ Authority, to the ~~governor~~ Governor, the ~~president of the senate~~ President of the Senate, and the ~~speaker of the house~~ Speaker of the House, as is necessary to restore each such debt service reserve fund to an amount equal to the debt service reserve requirement for such fund. The chair

shall annually, on or about February 1, make, execute, and deliver to the ~~governor~~ Governor, the ~~president of the senate~~ President of the Senate, and the ~~speaker of the house~~ Speaker of the House, a certificate stating the sum required to restore each such debt service reserve fund to the amount aforesaid, and the sum so certified may be appropriated, and if appropriated, shall be paid to the ~~authority~~ Authority during the then current state fiscal year. The principal amount of bonds or notes outstanding at any one time and secured in whole or in part by a debt service reserve fund to which state funds may be appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed ~~\$115,000,000.00~~ \$130,000,000.00, provided that the foregoing shall not impair the obligation of any contract or contracts entered into by the authority in contravention of the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 8. INVESTMENT OF STATE MONIES

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to establish a short-term credit facility for the benefit of the Vermont Economic Development Authority in an amount of up to \$10,000,000.00.

Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote 11-0-0)

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions

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 before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar.

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Information Notice

CROSSOVER DEADLINES

The following bill reporting deadlines are established for the 2013 session:

(1) From the standing committee of last reference, excluding the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means, all House bills must be reported out of committee on or before March 15, 2013.

(2) House bills referred pursuant to House Rule 35a, must be reported out of the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means on or before March 22, 2013.