

# Senate Calendar

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014**

**Third Reading**

**S. 261.**

An act relating to electrical installations.

**Amendment to S. 261 to be offered by Senator Mullin before third reading**

Senator Mullin moves to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 894 is amended to read:

§ 894. ENERGIZING INSTALLATIONS; REENERGIZING AFTER EMERGENCY DISCONNECTION

(a) A new electrical installation in or on a complex structure or an electrical installation used for the testing or construction of a complex structure shall not be connected or caused to be connected, to a source of electrical energy unless prior to ~~such~~ the connection, either a temporary or a permanent energizing permit is issued for that installation by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner or an electrical inspector.

(b) An existing electrical installation in any structure, including an owner-occupied freestanding residence, disconnected as the result of an emergency that affects the internal electrical circuits shall not be reconnected to a source of electrical energy until the electrical installation has been inspected and determined to be safe by a licensed journeyman or licensed master electrician. This subsection does not include the use of a generator due to an external loss of power.

(c) This section shall not be construed to limit or interfere with a contractor's right to receive payment for electrical work for which a certificate of completion has been granted.

Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 904(a) is amended to read:

(a) To be eligible for licensure as a type-S journeyman, an applicant shall:

(1) complete an accredited training and experience program recognized by the ~~board~~ Board; or

(2) have had training and experience, within or ~~without~~ outside this ~~state~~ State, acceptable to the ~~board~~ Board; and

(3) pass an examination to the satisfaction of the ~~board~~ Board in one or more of the following fields:

- (A) ~~Automatic~~ automatic gas or oil heating;
- (B) ~~Outdoor~~ outdoor advertising;
- (C) ~~Refrigeration~~ refrigeration or air conditioning;
- (D) ~~Appliance~~ appliance and motor repairs;
- (E) ~~Well~~ well pumps;
- (F) ~~Farm~~ farm equipment;
- (G) ~~Any~~ any miscellaneous specified area of specialized competence.

Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 910 is amended to read:

§ 910. LICENSE NOT REQUIRED

A license shall not be required for the following types of work:

(1) Any electrical work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of electrical installations in, on, or about equipment or premises, which are owned or leased by the operator of any industrial or manufacturing plant, if the work is done under the supervision of an electrical engineer or master electrician in the employ of the operator;

(2) Installation in laboratories of exposed electrical wiring for experimental purposes only;

(3) Any electrical work by ~~an~~ the owner ~~or his or her regular employees~~ in the ~~owner's~~ owner-occupied freestanding single unit residence, ~~in and~~ and outbuildings accessory to ~~such~~ the freestanding single unit residence or any structure on owner-occupied farms;

(4) Electrical installations performed as a part of a training project of a vocational school or other educational institution. However, the installation shall be inspected if the building in which the installation is made, is to be used as a "complex structure";

(5) Electrical work performed by an electrician's helper under the direct supervision of a person who holds an appropriate license issued under this chapter;

(6) Any electrical work in a building used for dwelling or residential purposes which contains no more than two dwelling units.

(7) Installation of solar electric modules and racking on complex structures to the point of connection to field-fabricated wiring and erection of

net metered wind turbines.

(8) Installation of solar electric systems, including modules, racking, inverters, and the balance of the system on freestanding single-family and two-family dwellings up to and including the point of connection with the existing electrical system, that connection being one or more back-fed breakers in an existing breaker panel.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Third Reading**

#### **S. 175.**

An act relating to permitting a student to remain enrolled in a Vermont public school after moving to a new school district.

#### **S. 293.**

An act relating to reporting on population-level outcomes and indicators and on program-level performance measures.

#### **H. 718.**

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Village of Derby Line.

#### **J.R.S. 27.**

Joint resolution relating to an application of the General Assembly for Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

### **Second Reading**

#### **Favorable**

#### **H. 609.**

An act relating to terminating propane service.

**Reported favorably by Senator Bray for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.**

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal of January 29, 2014, page 173)

**Favorable with Proposal of Amendment**

**H. 559.**

An act relating to membership on the Building Bright Futures Council.

**Reported favorably by Senator French for the Committee on Government Operations.**

(Committee vote: 4-0-1)

(No House amendments)

**Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Nitka for the Committee on Appropriations.**

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1, 33 V.S.A. § 4602, by striking out subsection (a) and inserting a new subsection (a) in lieu thereof as follows:

(a) The Building Bright Futures Program shall be governed by a statewide council comprising no more than 23 members. The Building Bright Futures Council's membership shall be as follows:

- (1) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Human Services or designee;
- (2) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee;
- (3) ~~the~~ The Secretary of Education; or designee.
- (4) ~~the~~ The Commissioner for Children and Families; or designee.
- (5) ~~the~~ The Commissioner of Health; or designee.
- (6) ~~the~~ The Commissioner of Mental Health; or designee.
- (7) ~~two members~~ One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (8) ~~at least one but no more than two members~~ One member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees;
- (9) ~~the~~ The Head Start Collaboration Office Director; ~~and.~~
- (10) ~~12~~ Fourteen at-large members, appointed by the Governor based on their commitment to early childhood well-being and representing a range of perspectives and geographic diversity. The Governor shall consider the recommendations of the Council's nominating committee. One of the at-large members shall be a representative of a local Head Start program and one shall be a member of a school board, to be recommended by the Vermont School Boards Association.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

## NOTICE CALENDAR

### Second Reading

#### Favorable

#### H. 577.

An act relating to ski tramways.

**Reported favorably by Senator Collins for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.**

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal of January 24, 2014, page 141)

#### Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

#### H. 441.

An act relating to changing provisions within the Vermont Common Interest Ownership Act related to owners of time-shares.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Nitka for the Committee on Judiciary.**

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 6, by striking "July 1, 2013" and inserting in lieu thereof July 1, 2014

and that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal for May 6, 2013, pages 1292-1295 and May 7, 2013, page 1316.)

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

**S.C.R. 51** (For text of Resolution, see Addendum to Senate Calendar for March 20, 2014)

**H.C.R. 265-273** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for March 20, 2014)

## CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Service Board shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Patti Pallito of Richmond – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. French for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/19/14)

Shirley A. Jefferson of South Royalton – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. McAllister for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/19/14)

Glenn Boyde of Colchester – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. Pollina for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/19/14)

Lisa Gosselin of Stowe – Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/12/14)

Deborah Granquist of Weston – Member of the Board of Libraries – By Sen. McCormack for the Committee on Education. (3/18/14)

Brian Vachon of Montpelier – Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board – By Sen. Collins for the Committee on Education. (3/18/14)

## FOR INFORMATION ONLY

### CROSSOVER DEADLINES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following Crossover deadlines:

(1) All **Senate** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 14, 2014**, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate so that they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.



(2) All **Senate** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 21, 2014**, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate so that they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

These deadlines may be waived for any bill or committee only with the consent of the Committee on Rules.

**Note:** The deadlines were determined by the Joint Rules Committee. The Senate will not act on House bills that do not meet these crossover deadlines, without the consent of the Senate Rules Committee.

**Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (Appropriations “Big Bill”, Transportation Spending Bill, Capital Construction Bill, and Miscellaneous Tax Bill).**