

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

March 20, 2014

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, March 20, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in 10 of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Rep. Richard Marek, Vice Chair
Rep. Patsy French
Rep. Robert Krebs
Rep. Linda Myers

Sen. Mark Macdonald, Chair
Sen. Margaret Flory
Sen. Robert Hartwell
Sen. Diane Snelling

Staff present:

Aaron Adler
Katie Pickens

Committee Counsel
Committee Assistant

The minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2014 were approved.

The committee reviewed the following rules:

13-P45 – Agency of Commerce & Community Development, Department of Housing and Community Development/Definition of Downtown Development Project. The committee discussed and accepted a memo from the Agency of Commerce & Community Development dated March 12, 2014, to extend the committee's 45-day review period to July 15, 2014. The extension will allow time for the completion of any legislative action and an appropriate re-assessment of the proposed rule by the agency. The committee agreed unanimously to defer action until its meeting immediately prior to July 15, 2014.

14-P02 – Department of Liquor Control/Regulations Related to the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor. William Goggins, Director of Enforcement for the Department of Liquor Control, gave an overview of the rule to the committee. He stated that the main purpose of the modifications is to stay in compliance with statute. Other changes were primarily editorial. Mr. Goggins responded to questions from the committee.

On a motion by Rep. Marek, the committee unanimously approved the rule with changes agreed to by Mr. Goggins at the meeting.

14-P01 – Department of Public Service/Sex Offender Registry Rules. Rep. Marek reported that the Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary requested that the rules committee delay action on the rule until the next committee meeting to allow House Judiciary more time to review the proposed rules.

Jeffrey Wallin, Director, Vermont Criminal Information Center, presented the rule to the committee. Mr. Wallin indicated there were two reasons for the changes to the rule: (1) to conform to changes in statute and (2) to incorporate new language regarding the Center's website, which was not in place when the original rule was adopted.

On a motion by Rep. Marek, the committee agreed unanimously to delay action on the rule until its March 27th meeting.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for March 27, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

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