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ACTION CALENDAR

CONSIDERATION POSTPONED TO APRIL 2, 2015

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 20.

An act relating to establishing and regulating licensed dental practitioners.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Pollina for the Committee on Health & Welfare.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

<u>First</u>: In Sec. 1, in 26 V.S.A. § 561 (definitions), by striking out subdivision (8) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(8) "General supervision" means:

(A) For a dental practitioner with a Master's degree or higher, a dentist's supervision of a dental practitioner's oral health care services that does not require the dentist to be on-site at the time those services are being performed, but that requires the dental practitioner to perform those services with the prior knowledge and consent of the dentist.

(B) For a dental practitioner with less than a Master's degree:

- (i) for the oral health care services set forth in subdivisions (b)(1)-(14), (16)-(19), and (34) of section 612 of this chapter, the supervision described in subdivision (8)(A) of this section; and
- (ii) for all other oral health care services set forth in subsection 612(b) of this chapter that are not described in subdivision (i) of this subdivision (B), supervision that requires the dentist to authorize those services and remain on-site while the dental practitioner performs them.

<u>Second</u>: In Sec. 1, in 26 V.S.A. § 611 (license by examination), in subdivision (a)(3), following "<u>administered by an institution accredited</u>" by inserting <u>by the Commission on Dental Accreditation</u>

<u>Third</u>: In Sec. 1, following § 611 (license by examination), by inserting § 611a to read as follows:

§ 611a. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT

The Board may grant a license as a dental practitioner to an applicant who:

- (1) is currently licensed in good standing to practice as a dental practitioner or dental therapist in any jurisdiction of the United States or Canada that has licensing requirements deemed by the Board to be at least substantially equivalent to those of this State;
- (2) has met active practice requirements and any other requirements established by the Board by rule; and
 - (3) pays the application fee set forth in section 662 of this chapter.

<u>Fourth</u>: By adding two new sections to be numbered Secs. 2 and 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. AFFILIATION WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

- (a) License by endorsement. For the purposes of 26 V.S.A. § 611a (license by endorsement) in Sec. 1 of this act, a person licensed as a dental therapist in the State of Minnesota who has been certified by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry to practice as an advanced dental therapist shall be deemed to meet the requirements of 26 V.S.A. § 611a(1).
 - (b) Vermont State Colleges and University of Vermont.
- (1) The Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges shall and the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont may explore the potential of entering into an affiliation agreement with colleges in the State of Minnesota that have an accredited dental therapy program so that the college credits of a Vermont State College student or a University of Vermont student can transfer into such a program in order for the student to attend the program.
- (2) On or before January 1, 2017, those Boards of Trustees shall report to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government Operations and the House Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations regarding the efforts of the Boards and any success in reaching an affiliation agreement with the State of Minnesota.
- Sec. 3. BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS; REPORT ON GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

No earlier than two years after the effective date of this act but on or before January 1, 2018, the Board of Dental Examiners shall report to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government Operations and the House Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations regarding:

- (1) Geographic distribution.
- (A) The geographic distribution of licensed dental practitioners practicing in this State.

- (B) The geographic areas of this State that are underserved by licensed dental practitioners.
- (C) The Board's recommended incentives to promote the practice of licensed dental practitioners in underserved areas of this State, particularly those areas that are rural in nature and have high numbers of people living in poverty.
- (2) General supervision. The Board's analysis of the effectiveness of the requirement that a dental practitioner be under the general supervision of a dentist as described in 26 V.S.A. § 561, and any recommendations for amendments to that general supervision requirement. In its report, the Board shall address whether a dental practitioner should be able to practice under less stringent supervision requirements and if so, under what conditions.

And by renumbering the remaining section (Effective Date) to be numerically correct.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator White for the Committee on Government Operations.

The Committee recommends that the report of the Committee on Health and Welfare be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. chapter 12 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 12. DENTISTS, <u>DENTAL THERAPISTS</u>, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

§ 561. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Board" means the board of dental examiners Board of Dental Examiners.
- (2) "Director" means the director of the office of professional regulation Director of the Office of Professional Regulation.
 - (3) "Practicing dentistry" means an activity in which a person:
- (A) undertakes by any means or method to diagnose or profess to diagnose or to treat or profess to treat or to prescribe for or profess to prescribe for any lesions, diseases, disorders, for deficiencies of the human oral cavity, teeth, gingiva, maxilla, or mandible or adjacent associated structures;

- (B) extracts human teeth or corrects malpositions of the teeth or jaws;
- (C) furnishes, supplies, constructs, reproduces, or repairs prosthetic dentures, bridges, appliances, or other structures to be used or worn as substitutes for natural teeth or adjusts those structures, except on the written prescription of a duly licensed dentist and by the use of impressions or casts made by a duly licensed and practicing dentist;
 - (D) administers general dental anesthetics;
- (E) administers local dental anesthetics, except dental hygienists as authorized by board Board rule; or
- (F) engages in any of the practices included in the curricula of recognized dental colleges.
- (4) <u>"Dental therapist" means an individual licensed to practice as a dental therapist under this chapter.</u>
- (5) "Dental hygienist" means an individual licensed to practice as a dental hygienist under this chapter.
- (5)(6) "Dental assistant" means an individual registered to practice as a dental assistant under this chapter.
- (6)(7) "Direct supervision" means supervision by a licensed dentist who is readily available at the dental facility for consultation or intervention.
- (8) "General supervision" means the direct or indirect oversight of a dental therapist by a dentist, which need not be on-site.

§ 562. PROHIBITIONS

- (a) No person may use in connection with a name any words, including "Doctor of Dental Surgery" or "Doctor of Dental Medicine," or any letters, signs, or figures, including the letters "D.D.S." or "D.M.D.," which imply that a person is a licensed dentist when not authorized under this chapter.
- (b) No person may practice as a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist unless currently licensed to do so under the provisions of this chapter.
- (c) No person may practice as a dental assistant unless currently registered under the provisions of this chapter.
- (d) A person who violates this section shall be subject to the penalties provided in 3 V.S.A. § 127.

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§ 565. DISPLAY OF LICENSE OR REGISTRATION

Every dentist, <u>dental therapist</u>, dental hygienist, and dental assistant shall display a copy of his or her current license or registration at each place of practice and in such a manner so as to be easily seen and read.

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Subchapter 2. Board of Dental Examiners

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§ 584. UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The board Board may refuse to give an examination or issue a license to practice dentistry, to practice as a dental therapist, or to practice dental hygiene or to register an applicant to be a dental assistant and may suspend or revoke any such license or registration or otherwise discipline an applicant, licensee, or registrant for unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct means the following conduct and the conduct set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 129a by an applicant or person licensed or registered under this chapter:

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Subchapter 3A. Dental Therapists

§ 611. LICENSE BY EXAMINATION

- (a) Qualifications for examination. To be eligible for examination for licensure as a dental therapist, an applicant shall:
 - (1) have attained the age of majority;
 - (2) be a licensed dental hygienist;
- (3) be a graduate of a dental therapist educational program administered by an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to train dentists or dental hygienists; and
- (4) pay the application fee set forth in section 662 of this chapter and an examination fee established by the Board by rule.
 - (b) Completion of examination.
- (1) An applicant for licensure meeting the qualifications for examination set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall pass a comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination approved by the Board and administered independently of an institution providing dental therapist education. An applicant shall also pass an examination testing the applicant's knowledge of the Vermont laws and rules relating to the practice of dentistry approved by the Board.

- (2) An applicant who has failed the clinical examination twice is ineligible to retake the clinical examination until further education and training are obtained as established by the Board by rule.
- (c) The Board may grant a license to an applicant who has met the requirements of this section.

§ 612. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT

The Board may grant a license as a dental therapist to an applicant who:

- (1) is currently licensed in good standing to practice as a dental therapist in any jurisdiction of the United States or Canada that has licensing requirements deemed by the Board to be at least substantially equivalent to those of this State;
- (2) has met active practice requirements and any other requirements established by the Board by rule; and
 - (3) pays the application fee set forth in section 662 of this chapter.

§ 613. PRACTICE; SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- (a) A person who provides oral health care services, including prevention, evaluation, and assessment; education; palliative therapy; and restoration under the general supervision of a dentist within the parameters of a collaborative agreement as provided under section 614 of this subchapter shall be regarded as practicing as a dental therapist within the meaning of this chapter.
- (b) In addition to services permitted by the Board by rule, a dental therapist may perform the following oral health care services:
- (1) Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis.
 - (2) Periodontal charting, including a periodontal screening examination.
 - (3) Exposing radiographs.
 - (4) Dental prophylaxis.
- (5) Prescribing, dispensing, and administering analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics.
- (6) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes, antimicrobial agents, and pit and fissure sealants.
 - (7) Pulp vitality testing.
 - (8) Applying desensitizing medication or resin.
 - (9) Fabricating athletic mouthguards.

- (10) Placement of temporary restorations.
- (11) Fabricating soft occlusal guards.
- (12) Tissue conditioning and soft reline.
- (13) Interim therapeutic restorations.
- (14) Changing periodontal dressings.
- (15) Tooth reimplantation and stabilization.
- (16) Administering local anesthetic.
- (17) Administering nitrous oxide.
- (18) Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease.
- (19) Formulating an individualized treatment plan, including services within the dental therapist's scope of practice and referral for services outside the dental therapist's scope of practice.
 - (20) Extractions of primary teeth.
- (21) Nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility of +3. A dental therapist shall not extract a tooth if it is unerupted, impacted, fractured, or needs to be sectioned for removal.
 - (22) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain.
 - (23) Placement and removal of space maintainers.
 - (24) Cavity preparation.
- (25) Restoring primary and permanent teeth, not including permanent tooth crowns, bridges, or denture fabrication.
 - (26) Placement of temporary crowns.
 - (27) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns.
 - (28) Pulpotomies on primary teeth.
 - (29) Indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent teeth.
 - (30) Suture removal.
 - (31) Brush biopsies.
 - (32) Repairing defective prosthetic devices.
 - (33) Recementing permanent crowns.
 - (34) Mechanical polishing.

§ 614. COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

- (a) Before a dental therapist may enter into his or her first collaborative agreement, he or she shall:
- (1) complete 1,000 hours of direct patient care using dental therapy procedures under the direct supervision of a dentist; and
- (2) receive a certificate of completion signed by that supervising dentist that verifies the dental therapist completed the hours described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- (b) In order to practice as a dental therapist, a dental therapist shall enter into a written collaborative agreement with a dentist. The agreement shall include:
- (1) practice settings where services may be provided and the populations to be served;
- (2) any limitations on the services that may be provided by the dental therapist, including the level of supervision required by the supervising dentist;
- (3) age- and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines, and imaging frequency;
- (4) a procedure for creating and maintaining dental records for the patients that are treated by the dental therapist;
- (5) a plan to manage medical emergencies in each practice setting where the dental therapist provides care;
- (6) a quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental therapist, including patient care review, referral follow-up, and a quality assurance chart review;
- (7) protocols for prescribing, administering, and dispensing medications, including the specific conditions and circumstances under which these medications may be dispensed and administered;
- (8) criteria relating to the provision of care to patients with specific medical conditions or complex medication histories, including requirements for consultation prior to the initiation of care;
 - (9) supervision criteria of dental assistants and dental hygienists; and
- (10) a plan for the provision of clinical resources and referrals in situations that are beyond the capabilities of the dental therapist.
- (c)(1) The supervising dentist shall accept responsibility for all services authorized and performed by the dental therapist pursuant to the collaborative agreement.

- (2) A supervising dentist shall be licensed and practicing in Vermont.
- (3) A supervising dentist is limited to entering into a collaborative agreement with no more than two dental therapists at any one time.
- (d)(1) A collaborative agreement shall be signed and maintained by the supervising dentist and the dental therapist.
- (2) A collaborative agreement shall be reviewed, updated, and submitted to the Board on an annual basis or as soon as a change is made to the agreement.

§ 615. APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS

- (a) A dental therapist authorized to practice under this chapter shall not be in violation of section 562 of this chapter as it relates to the unauthorized practice of dentistry if the practice is authorized under this chapter and under the collaborative agreement.
- (b) A dentist who permits a dental therapist to perform a dental service other than those authorized under this chapter or by the Board by rule or any dental therapist who performs an unauthorized service shall be in violation of section 584 of this chapter.

§ 616. USE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS

- (a) A licensed dental therapist may supervise dental assistants and dental hygienists directly to the extent permitted in the collaborative agreement.
- (b) At any one practice setting, a licensed dental therapist may have under his or her direct supervision no more than a total of two assistants, hygienists, or combination thereof.

§ 617. REFERRALS

- (a) The supervising dentist is responsible for arranging for another dentist or specialist to provide any necessary services needed by a patient that are beyond the scope of practice of the dental therapist and which the supervising dentist is unable to provide.
- (b) A dental therapist, in accordance with the collaborative agreement, shall refer patients to another qualified dental or health care professional to receive any needed services that exceed the scope of practice of the dental therapist.

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Subchapter 6. Renewals, Continuing Education, and Fees

§ 661. RENEWAL OF LICENSE

- (a) Licenses and registrations shall be renewed every two years on a schedule determined by the office of professional regulation Office of Professional Regulation.
- (b) No continuing education reporting is required at the first biennial license renewal date following licensure.
- (c) The <u>board</u> may waive continuing education requirements for licensees who are on active duty in the <u>armed forces of the United States</u> U.S. Armed Forces.
 - (d) Dentists.

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- (e) <u>Dental therapists</u>. To renew a license, a dental therapist shall meet active practice requirements established by the Board by rule and document completion of no fewer than 20 hours of Board-approved continuing professional education which shall include an emergency office procedures course during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal.
- (f) Dental hygienists. To renew a license, a dental hygienist shall meet active practice requirements established by the board Board by rule and document completion of no fewer than 18 hours of board approved Board-approved continuing professional education which shall include an emergency office procedures course during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal.
- (f)(g) Dental assistants. To renew a registration, a dental assistant shall meet the requirements established by the board Board by rule.

§ 662. FEES

(a) Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

(1) Application

(A) Dentist	\$ 225.00
(B) <u>Dental therapist</u>	<u>\$ 185.00</u>
(C) Dental hygienist	\$ 150.00
(C)(D) Dental assistant	\$ 60.00

(2) Biennial renewal

(A) Dentist	\$ 355.00
(B) <u>Dental therapist</u>	\$ 225.00
(C) Dental hygienist	\$ 125.00
(C)(D) Dental assistant	\$ 75.00

(b) The licensing fee for a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist or the registration fee for a dental assistant who is otherwise eligible for licensure or registration and whose practice in this state State will be limited to providing pro bono services at a free or reduced-fee clinic or similar setting approved by the board Board shall be waived.

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Sec. 2. COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION; EFFECTIVE DATE

The provision set forth in Sec. 1 of this act, in 26 V.S.A. § 611(a)(3) (license by examination; graduate), that requires accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, shall take effect once that accreditation from the Commission becomes available.

Sec. 3. BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS; REPORT ON GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF DENTAL THERAPISTS

No earlier than two years after the effective date of this act but on or before January 1, 2020, the Board of Dental Examiners shall report to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government Operations and the House Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations regarding:

- (1) the geographic distribution of licensed dental therapists practicing in this State;
- (2) the geographic areas of this State that are underserved by licensed dental therapists; and
- (3) The Board's recommended incentives to promote the practice of licensed dental therapists in underserved areas of this State, particularly those areas that are rural in nature and have high numbers of people living in poverty.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

An act relating to establishing and regulating dental therapists.

(Committee vote: 4-1-0)

Reported without recommendation by Senator MacDonald for the Committee on Finance.

(Committee voted: 3-2-2)

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

S. 55.

An act relating to creating a flat rate for Vermont's estate tax and creating an estate tax exclusion amount that matches the federal amount.

H. 123.

An act relating to mobile home parks, habitability standards, and compliance.

Second Reading

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 86.

An act relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

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

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in Sec. 2, 15B V.S.A. § 1801(c), by striking out the word "extradition" and inserting in lieu thereof the word rendition

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House amendments)

H. 256.

An act relating to disposal of property following an eviction, and fair housing and public accommodations.

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

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

<u>First</u>: By striking out Sec. 1, 12 V.S.A. § 4854a, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 4854a is amended to read:

§ 4854a. PROPERTY OF TENANT REMAINING ON PREMISES AFTER EVICTION

- (a) A landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in a dwelling unit or leased premises without notice or liability to the tenant or owner of the personal property:
- (1) 15 days after a writ of possession is served pursuant to this chapter or upon the landlord being legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises pursuant to this chapter, whichever is later; or
- (2) in the case of an eviction brought pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, 40 days after a writ of possession issued for failure to pay rent into court pursuant to subsection 4853a(h) of this title is served or upon the landlord being legally restored to possession of the leased premises by a writ of possession issued for failure to pay rent into court pursuant to subsection 4853a(h) of this title, whichever is later.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if the court stays the execution of a writ of possession issued pursuant to this chapter, then a landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in a dwelling unit or leased premises without notice or liability to the tenant or owner of the personal property five days one day after the landlord is legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises.

<u>Second</u>: By striking out Sec. 3, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

- (a) Sec. 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2015, and shall apply to ejectment actions beginning on or after that date.
 - (b) This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House amendments)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 124.

An act relating to expanding the scope of practice of Level II certified law enforcement officers.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator White for the Committee on Government Operations.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2358(b)(1) and (2), as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 141, Sec. 5, are amended to read:

(1) Level I certification.

- (A) An applicant for certification as a Level I law enforcement officer shall first complete an off-site training program prior to entering and completing Level I basic training. Level I basic training shall include training to react to the circumstances described in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (1).
- (B)(i) The scope of practice of a Level I law enforcement officer shall be limited to security, transport, vehicle escorts, and traffic control, as those terms are defined by the Council by rule, except that a Level I officer may react in the following circumstances if the officer determines that it is necessary to do any of the following:
- (I) protect an individual in the presence of the officer from the imminent infliction of serious bodily injury;
- (II) provide immediate assistance to an individual who has suffered or is threatened with serious bodily injury;
- (III) detain <u>or arrest</u> an individual whom <u>who</u> the officer reasonably believes has committed a crime in the presence of the officer; or
- (IV) detain <u>or arrest</u> an individual <u>whom who</u> the officer reasonably believes has committed a felony under Vermont law.
- (ii) If a Level I officer reacts to any of the circumstances described in subdivision (i) of this subdivision (B), he or she shall call upon an officer certified to respond and assume law enforcement authority over the incident.

(2) Level II certification.

- (A) An applicant for certification as a Level II law enforcement officer shall first complete Level II basic training and may then become certified in a specialized practice area as set forth in subdivision (B)(ii) of this subdivision (2). Level II basic training shall include training to respond to calls regarding alleged crimes in progress and to react to the circumstances described in subdivision (B)(iii) of this subdivision (2).
- (B)(i) Except as provided in subdivisions (ii) and (iii) of this subdivision (B), the scope of practice of a Level II law enforcement officer shall be limited to investigating the following matters:
- (I) 7 V.S.A. § 658 (sale or furnishing to minors; enabling consumption by minors);
 - (II) 13 V.S.A. chapter 7 (advertisements);
- (II) (III) 13 V.S.A. chapter 8 (humane and proper treatment of animals);
- (IV) 13 V.S.A. §§ 505 (fourth degree arson), 508 (setting fires), and 509 (attempts);
 - (III) (V) 13 V.S.A. chapter 19, subchapter 1 (riots);
- (simple assault), 1025 (recklessly endangering another person), 1026 (disorderly conduct), and 1027 (disturbing peace by use of telephone or other electronic communications), 1030 (violation of an abuse prevention order, an order against stalking or sexual assault, or a protective order concerning contact with a child), 1031 (interference with access to emergency services), 1042 (domestic assault), and 1062 (stalking);
 - (V) (VII) 13 V.S.A. chapter 35 (escape);
 - (VII) 13 V.S.A. chapter 41 (false alarms and reports);
 - (VII) (IX) 13 V.S.A. chapter 45 (flags and ensigns);
 - $\frac{\text{(VIII)}}{\text{(X)}}$ 13 V.S.A. chapter 47 (frauds);
- (IX) (XI) 13 V.S.A. chapter 49 (fraud in commercial transactions);
 - (X) (XII) 13 V.S.A. chapter 51 (gambling and lotteries);
- (XII) (XIII) 13 V.S.A. chapter 57 (larceny and embezzlement), except for subchapter 2 (embezzlement);

(XII) (XIV) 13 V.S.A. chapter 67 (public justice and public officers);

(XIII) (XV) 13 V.S.A. chapter 69 (railroads);

(XIV) (XVI) 13 V.S.A. chapter 77 (trees and plants);

 $\frac{\text{(XV)}}{\text{(XVII)}}$ 13 V.S.A. chapter 81 (trespass and malicious injuries to property);

(XVI) (XVIII) 13 V.S.A. chapter 83 (vagrants);

(XVII) (XIX) 13 V.S.A. chapter 85 (weapons);

(XVIII) (XX) 18 V.S.A. § 4230(a) (marijuana possession)

(XXI) 18 V.S.A. § 4231(a) (cocaine possession);

(XXII) 18 V.S.A. § 4232(a) (LSD possession);

(XXIII) 18 V.S.A. § 4233(a) (heroin possession);

(XXIV) 18 V.S.A. § 4234(a) (depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug possession);

(XXV) 18 V.S.A. § 4234a(a) (methamphetamine possession);

(XXVI) 18 V.S.A. § 4235(b) (hallucinogenic drug possession);

(XXVII) 18 V.S.A. § 4235a(a) (ecstasy possession);

(XXVIII) 18 V.S.A. § 4476 (drug paraphernalia offenses);

(XXIX) 21 V.S.A. § 692(c)(2) (criminal violation of stop-work

(XXX) any misdemeanor set forth in Title 23 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, except for 23 V.S.A. chapter 13, subchapter 13 (drunken driving);

order);

(XXXI) any motor vehicle accident that includes property damage and injuries, as permitted by the Council by rule;

(XXXII) any matter within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Bureau as set forth in 4 V.S.A. § 1102;

(XIX) (XXXIII) municipal ordinance violations;

(XX) (XXXIV) any matter within the jurisdiction of a game warden or deputy game warden as set forth in 10 V.S.A. chapter 103, subchapter 4 (game wardens); and

(XXI) (XXXV) any matter within the scope of practice of a Level I law enforcement officer.

- (ii) In addition to the scope of practice permitted under subdivision (i) of this subdivision (B), a Level II law enforcement officer may also practice in additional areas approved in writing by the Council based on a special certification or training approved by the Council pursuant to rules adopted by the Council.
- (iii) Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in subdivisions (i) and (ii) of this subdivision (B), a Level II officer may respond to calls regarding alleged crimes in progress and may react in the following circumstances if the officer determines that it is necessary to do any of the following:
- (I) protect an individual in the presence of the officer from the imminent infliction of serious bodily injury;
- (II) provide immediate assistance to an individual who has suffered or is threatened with serious bodily injury;
- (III) detain <u>or arrest</u> an individual <u>whom</u> <u>who</u> the officer reasonably believes has committed a crime in the presence of the officer; or
- (IV) detain <u>or arrest</u> an individual whom <u>who</u> the officer reasonably believes has committed a felony under Vermont law.
- (iv) If a Level II officer responds to calls regarding alleged crimes in progress or reacts to any of the circumstances described in subdivision (iii) of this subdivision (B) and that response or reaction is outside the scope of his or her scope of practice, he or she shall call upon an officer certified to respond and assume law enforcement authority over the incident.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

An act relating to the scopes of practice of Level I and Level II certified law enforcement officers.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 62.

An act relating to surrogate decision making for do-not-resuscitate orders and clinician orders for life-sustaining treatment.

PENDING QUESTION: Shall the bill be amended as recommended the Committee on Health and Welfare?

S. 137.

An act relating to penalties for selling and dispensing marijuana.

PENDING ACTION: Committee Bill for Second Reading

S. 139.

An act relating to pharmacy benefit managers, hospital observation status, and chemicals of high concern to children.

PENDING ACTION: Committee Bill for Second Reading

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR NOTICE

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

H.C.R. 89-98 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for April 2, 2015)

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.

<u>Robert Ide</u> of Peacham – Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles – By Sen. Kitchel for the Committee on Transportation. (3/12/15)

<u>Sue Minter</u> of Waterbury Center – Secretary, Agency of Transportation – By Sen. Westman for the Committee on Transportation. (3/13/15)

<u>Patricia Moulton</u> of Montpelier – Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development – By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

<u>Noelle MacKay</u> of Shelburne – Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development – By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Annie Noonan of Montpelier – Commissioner, Department of Labor - By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Megan Smith of Mendon – Commissioner, Department of Tourism and Marketing – By Sen. Mullin for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

<u>Andrew Pallito</u> of Jericho – Commissioner, Department of Corrections – By Sen. Mazza for the Committee on Institutions. (3/24/15)

<u>Michael Obuchowski</u> of Montpelier – Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services – By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Institutions. (3/24/15)

<u>Maribeth Spellman</u> of Richmond – Commissioner, Department of Human Resources – By Sen. Collamore for the Committee on Government Operations. (3/24/15)

<u>Rebecca Holcombe</u> of Norwich – Secretary of Education – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Education. (3/24/15)

<u>Harry Chen, M.D.</u> of Burlington – Commissioner of Health – By Sen. McCormack for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (3/25/15)

<u>Steven Costantino</u> of Providence, RI – Commissioner of the Department of Health Access – By Sen. Pollina for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (3/25/15)

<u>Kenneth Schatz</u> of Burlington – Commissioner, Department for Children and Families – By Sen. Pollina for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (3/25/15)

<u>Susan Wehry</u> of Burlington – Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living – By Sen. Lyons for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (3/25/15)

<u>Paul Dupre</u> of Barre – Commissioner, Department of Mental Health – By Sen. Lyons for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (3/25/15)

<u>James Reardon</u> of Essex Junction – Commissioner, Department of Finance and Management – By Sen. Collamore for the Committee on Government Operations. (3/27/15)

<u>Justin Johnson</u> of Barre – Secretary, Agency of Administration – By Sen. Pollina for the Committee on Government Operations. (3/31/15)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE H. 490 (FY 2016 Budget) ADVOCATES TESTIMONY

On **Tuesday**, **April 7**, **2015** beginning at **1:30 pm**, the Senate Appropriations Committee will be taking testimony from advocates regarding the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget (H.490) in Room 10 of the State House. To schedule time before the Committee contact Becky Buck at the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office located at 1 Baldwin Street; phone: 828-5969 or via email at:. rbuck@leg.state.vt.us

REPORTS ON FILE

Reports 2015

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §20(c), one (1) hard copy of the following report is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate. Effective January 2010, pursuant to Act No. 192, Adj. Sess. (2008) §5.005(g) some reports will automatically be sent by electronic copy only and can be found on the State of Vermont Legislative webpage.

1. Working Lands Enterprise Initiative Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2014. (Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets) (March 2015)