Journal of the House

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by The State House Singers.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 505

By Reps. Corcoran of Bennington and Fields of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Village of North Bennington;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 506

By Reps. Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield and Dakin of Chester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to clarification of municipal property lien for unsafe structures;

To the committee on Government Operations.

Bills Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule, were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 355

House bill, entitled

An act relating to licensing and regulating foresters

S. 138

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to promoting economic development

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 26

By Senators Baruth and Benning,

J.R.S. 26. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, May 1, 2015, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

H. 378

Rep. Head of South Burlington moved that the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to independent contractors

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Commerce & Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Bill Read Second Time; Consideration Interrupted by Recess

S. 108

Rep. Haas of Rochester, for the committee on Human Services, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to repealing the sunset on provisions pertaining to patient choice at end of life

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment as follows:

By adding a new section to be Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 5293 is added to read:

§ 5293. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(a) The Department of Health shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to facilitate the collection of information regarding compliance with this chapter, including querying the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System to identify patients who filled prescriptions written pursuant to this chapter. Except as otherwise required by law, information regarding compliance shall be confidential and shall be exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act.

(b) Beginning in 2018, the Department of Health shall generate and make available to the public a biennial statistical report of the information collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, as long as releasing the information complies with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191.

and by renumbering the existing Sec. 2, effective date, to be Sec. 3

and that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as recommended by the committee on Human Services? **Rep. Poirier of Barre City** moved to amend the recommendation of proposal of amendment of the committee on Human Services as follows:

By striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. REPEAL

18 V.S.A. chapter 113 (patient choice at end of life) is repealed.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

Pending the question, Shall the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as recommended by the committee on Human Services? **Rep. Poirier of Barre City** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number.

Recess

At two o'clock and eight minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

At two o'clock and forty-seven minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Consideration Resumed; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to and Third Reading Ordered

S. 108

Consideration resumed on Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to repealing the sunset on provisions pertaining to patient choice at end of life;

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the report of the Committee on Human Services be amended as proposed by Rep. Poirier of Barre City? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 60. Nays, 83.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bancroft of Westford Baser of Bristol Batchelor of Derby Beck of St. Johnsbury Beyor of Highgate Bissonnette of Winooski Branagan of Georgia Brennan of Colchester Browning of Arlington Canfield of Fair Haven Christie of Hartford Connor of Fairfield Corcoran of Bennington Cupoli of Rutland City Dame of Essex Devereux of Mount Holly Dickinson of St. Albans Town Donahue of Northfield Evans of Essex Fagan of Rutland City

Fiske of Enosburgh Forguites of Springfield Gage of Rutland City Gamache of Swanton Graham of Williamstown Hebert of Vernon Helm of Fair Haven Higley of Lowell Hubert of Milton Juskiewicz of Cambridge Keenan of St. Albans City LaClair of Barre Town Lanpher of Vergennes Lawrence of Lyndon Lewis of Berlin Marcotte of Coventry Martel of Waterford * Martin of Wolcott McCormack of Burlington McCoy of Poultney McFaun of Barre Town

Morrissey of Bennington Myers of Essex Parent of St. Albans City Pearce of Richford Poirier of Barre City Potter of Clarendon Quimby of Concord Russell of Rutland City Scheuermann of Stowe Shaw of Pittsford Smith of New Haven Strong of Albany Tate of Mendon Terenzini of Rutland Town Turner of Milton Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh Viens of Newport City Willhoit of St. Johnsbury * Wright of Burlington

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais Bartholomew of Hartland Berry of Manchester Botzow of Pownal Briglin of Thetford Burke of Brattleboro Buxton of Tunbridge Carr of Brandon Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs Clarkson of Woodstock Cole of Burlington Condon of Colchester Conquest of Newbury Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford Dakin of Chester Dakin of Colchester Davis of Washington Deen of Westminster Donovan of Burlington Eastman of Orwell Ellis of Waterbury Emmons of Springfield Feltus of Lyndon Fields of Bennington Frank of Underhill French of Randolph Gonzalez of Winooski Grad of Moretown Greshin of Warren Haas of Rochester Head of South Burlington

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Burditt of West Rutland	Purvis of Colchester	Shaw of Derby
Huntley of Cavendish	Savage of Swanton	Young of Glover

Rep. Martel of Waterford explained her vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

As a first year legislator I am truly amazed how much we rule and mandate our fellow Vermonters. One week we want to prevent suicide – two weeks later we want to promote suicide. Yes, people should have the right to do as they choose – just keep that in mind the next time we vote to take a choice away."

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

I voted against this amendment to prevent government intrusion into this very private decision and to affirm the right of patient choice at end of life."

Rep. Wilhoit of St. Johnsbury explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker:

I voted to repeal Act 39 because we are left with too many unanswered questions, and still too little protections for Vermont's most vulnerable."

Thereupon, the recommendation of proposal of amendment offered by the committee on Human Services was agreed to and third reading was ordered.

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in With a Further Amendment Thereto

H. 105

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to disclosure of sexually explicit images without consent

By striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2605 is amended to read:

§ 2605. VOYEURISM

(a) As used in this section:

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(6) <u>"Sexual conduct" shall have the same meaning as in section 2821 of this title.</u>

(7) "Surveillance" means secret observation of the activities of another person for the purpose of spying upon and invading the privacy of the person.

(7)(8) "View" means the intentional looking upon another person for more than a brief period of time, in other than a casual or cursory manner, with the unaided eye or a device designed or intended to improve visual acuity.

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(e) No person shall intentionally photograph, film, or record in any format a person without that person's knowledge and consent while that person is in a place where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy and that person is engaged in a sexual act as defined in section 3251 of this title conduct.

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Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 2606 is added to read:

<u>§ 2606. DISCLOSURE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT IMAGES WITHOUT</u> CONSENT

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Disclose" includes transfer, publish, distribute, exhibit, or reproduce.

(2) "Harm" means physical injury, financial injury, or serious emotional distress.

(3) "Nude" means any one or more of the following uncovered parts of the human body:

(A) genitals;

(B) pubic area;

(C) anus; or

(D) post-pubescent female nipple.

(4) "Sexual conduct" shall have the same meaning as in section 2821 of this title.

(5) "Visual image" includes a photograph, film, videotape, recording, or digital reproduction.

(b)(1) A person violates this section if he or she knowingly discloses a visual image of an identifiable person who is nude or who is engaged in sexual conduct, without his or her consent, with the intent to harm, harass, intimidate, threaten, or coerce the person depicted, and the disclosure would cause a reasonable person to suffer harm. A person may be identifiable from the image itself or information offered in connection with the image. Consent to recording of the visual image does not, by itself, constitute consent for disclosure of the image. A person who violates this subdivision (1) shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(2) A person who violates subdivision (1) of this subsection with the intent of disclosing the image for financial profit and causes harm to the person depicted shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(c) A person who maintains an Internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application that contains a visual image of an identifiable person who is nude or who is engaged in sexual conduct shall not solicit or accept a fee or other consideration to remove, delete, correct, modify, or refrain from posting or disclosing the visual image if requested by the depicted person.

(d) This section shall not apply to:

(1) Images involving voluntary nudity or sexual conduct in public or commercial settings or in a place where a person does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

(2) Disclosures made in the public interest, including the reporting of unlawful conduct, or lawful and common practices of law enforcement, criminal reporting, corrections, legal proceedings, or medical treatment.

(3) Disclosures of materials that constitute a matter of public concern.

(4) Interactive computer services, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 230(f)(2), or information services or telecommunications services, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153, for content solely provided by another person. This subdivision shall not preclude other remedies available at law.

(e)(1) A plaintiff shall have a private cause of action against a defendant who knowingly discloses, without the plaintiff's consent, an identifiable visual image of the plaintiff while he or she is nude or engaged in sexual conduct and the disclosure causes the plaintiff harm.

(2) In addition to any other relief available at law, the Court may order equitable relief, including a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction, or a permanent injunction ordering the defendant to cease display or disclosure of the image. The Court may grant injunctive relief maintaining the confidentiality of a plaintiff using a pseudonym.

Sec. 3. 9 V.S.A. chapter 117 is redesignated to read:

CHAPTER 117. INTERNET SALES COMMERCE

Sec. 4. 9 V.S.A. § 4191 is added to read:

<u>§ 4191. REMOVAL OF BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE</u> INTERNET; FEES PROHIBITED

(a) As used in this section, "booking photograph" means any photograph taken by a law enforcement office or other authorized person pursuant to 20 V.S.A. chapter 117.

(b) A person who posts or otherwise disseminates a booking photograph on the Internet shall not solicit or accept a fee or other consideration to remove, delete, correct, modify, or refrain from posting or disseminating the booking photograph if requested by the depicted person.

(c) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 for the first violation and not more than \$2,500.00 for each subsequent violation.

(d) A person who sustains damages or injury as a result of a violation of this section may bring an action in Superior Court for damages, injunctive relief, punitive damages in the case of a willful violation, and reasonable costs and attorney's fees. The Court may issue an award for the person's actual damages or \$500.00 for a first violation, or \$1,000.00 for each subsequent violation, whichever is greater. This subsection shall not limit any other claims a person who sustains damages or injury as a result of a violation of this section may have under applicable law.

(e) This section shall not be construed to limit a person's liability under any other law.

Sec. 5. 4 V.S.A. § 1102 is amended to read:

§ 1102. JUDICIAL BUREAU; JURISDICTION

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(b) The Judicial Bureau shall have jurisdiction of the following matters:

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(26) Violations of 9 V.S.A. § 4191 relating to the solicitation or acceptance of a fee to remove a booking photograph from the Internet.

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Sec. 6. 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 whom <u>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) <u>7 V.S.A. § 658 (sale or furnishing to minors; enabling consumption by minors);</u>

(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);

(IV)(VI) 13 V.S.A. §§ 1022 (noise in the nighttime), 1023 (simple assault), <u>1025 (recklessly endangering another person)</u>, 1026 (disorderly conduct), and <u>1027 (disturbing peace by use of telephone or other electronic communications)</u>, 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);

(<u>V)(VII)</u> 13 V.S.A. chapter 35 (escape);

(VI)(VIII) 13 V.S.A. chapter 41 (false alarms and reports);

(VII)(IX) 13 V.S.A. chapter 45 (flags and ensigns);

(VIII)(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);

(XI)(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);

(XV)(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), 4230c, and 4230d (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

order);

(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), 23 V.S.A. § 3207a (snowmobiling under the influence), 23 V.S.A. § 3323 (boating under the influence), or 23 V.S.A. § 3506(b)(8) (operating an all-terrain vehicle under the influence);

(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 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 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. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington moved to concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with a further amendment thereto as follows:

In Sec. 2, 13 V.S.A. § 2606, in subdivision (b)(2), by striking out "and causes harm to the person depicted"

Which was agreed to.

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 120

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a Vermont false claims act

<u>First</u>: In Sec. 1, in 32 V.S.A. § 631(c)(3), by striking out the words "<u>the</u> false claims law" and inserting in lieu thereof the words <u>this subchapter</u>

<u>Second</u>: In Sec. 1, in 32 V.S.A. § 632(b)(3), by striking out the words "<u>in</u> an electronic format determined by the Attorney General" and inserting in lieu thereof the words <u>in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure</u>

<u>Third</u>: In Sec. 1, in 32 V.S.A. § 633(c), by striking out the words "<u>in an</u> <u>electronic format determined by the Attorney General</u>" and inserting in lieu thereof the words <u>in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure</u>

<u>Fourth</u>: In Sec. 1, in 32 V.S.A. § 635(a), by striking out the following: "<u>subsection (b) of this section</u>" where it twicely appears and inserting in lieu thereof the following: <u>subsection 632(b) of this chapter</u>

<u>Fifth</u>: In Sec. 1, in 32 V.S.A. § 636(b), after the word "<u>administrative</u>" by inserting the words <u>civil money penalty</u>

<u>Sixth</u>: In Sec. 1, in 32 V.S.A. § 639(a)(2), by striking out the following: "<u>circumstances, but in no event more than 10 years after the date on which the violation is committed; whichever occurs last.</u>" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

circumstances, but in no event more than 10 years after the date on which the violation is committed;

whichever occurs last.

<u>Seventh</u>: In Sec. 1, in 32 V.S.A. § 639, by inserting a new subsection to be subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding any other general or special law, rule of procedure or rule of evidence to the contrary, a final judgment rendered in favor of the State in any criminal proceeding charging false statements or fraud, whether upon a verdict after trial or upon a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, shall estop the defendant from denying the essential elements of the offense in any action

which involves the same transaction as in the criminal proceeding and which is brought under section 632 of this chapter.

<u>Eighth</u>: In Sec. 2, by striking out the catchline (effective date) and inserting in lieu thereof a new catchline to read: EFFECTIVE DATES and after the word "<u>passage</u>" by inserting the following: <u>, except for 32 V.S.A. § 639(b)</u> which shall take effect on March 15, 2016

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Message from the Senate No. 54

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 20. Joint resolution relating to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation's lending authority.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill entitled:

S. 115. An act relating to expungement of convictions based on conduct that is no longer criminal.

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

> Senator White Senator Nitka Senator Benning.

Adjournment

At four o'clock in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.

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