

any gift to a health care provider or to a member of the Green Mountain Care Board established in chapter 220 of this title.

(2) The prohibition set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to any of the following:

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(K) The provision of coffee ~~or other~~ snacks, or other refreshments at a booth at a conference or seminar.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 6-1-0)

S. 220.

An act relating to the public financing of campaigns.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Pollina 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. 17 V.S.A. § 2981 is amended to read:

§ 2981. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

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(4) "Vermont campaign finance qualification period" means one of the period beginning February 15 of each even-numbered year and ending on the date on which primary petitions must be filed under section 2356 of this title following periods within which a candidate who intends to seek Vermont campaign finance grants shall be required to obtain qualifying contributions, as chosen by the candidate:

(A) The period beginning October 1 of the odd-numbered year and ending on January 15 of the even-numbered year.

(B) The period beginning November 1 of the odd-numbered year and ending on February 15 of the even-numbered year.

(C) The period beginning December 1 of the odd-numbered year and ending on March 15 of the even-numbered year.

(D) The period beginning January 1 of the even-numbered year and ending on April 15 of the even-numbered year.

(E) The period beginning February 1 of the even-numbered year and ending on May 15 of the even-numbered year.

Sec. 2. 17 V.S.A. § 2982 is amended to read:

§ 2982. FILING OF VERMONT CAMPAIGN FINANCE DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT

(a) A candidate for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor who intends to seek Vermont campaign finance grants from the Secretary of State Services Fund shall file:

(1) a declaration of his or her chosen Vermont campaign finance qualification period on or before the date on which that chosen period begins; and

(2) a Vermont campaign finance affidavit on or before the date on or before which primary petitions must be filed, whether the candidate seeks to enter a party primary or is an independent candidate which his or her chosen Vermont campaign finance qualification period ends.

(b) The Secretary of State shall prepare a the Vermont campaign finance declaration and affidavit form forms described in this section, informational materials on procedures and financial requirements, and notification of the penalties for violation of this subchapter.

(c)(1) The Vermont campaign finance affidavit shall set forth the conditions of receiving grants under this subchapter and provide space for the candidate to agree that he or she will abide by such conditions and all expenditure and contribution limitations, reporting requirements, and other provisions of this chapter.

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(3) The affidavit shall also contain a list of all the candidate's qualifying contributions together with the name and town of residence of the contributor and the date each contribution was made.

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Sec. 3. 17 V.S.A. § 2983 is amended to read:

§ 2983. VERMONT CAMPAIGN FINANCE GRANTS; CONDITIONS

(a) A person shall not be eligible for Vermont campaign finance grants if:

(1) prior to February 15 of the general election year during any two-year general election cycle his or her chosen Vermont campaign finance qualification period, he or she becomes a candidate by announcing that he or she seeks an elected position as Governor or Lieutenant Governor or by

accepting contributions totaling \$2,000.00 or more or by making expenditures totaling \$2,000.00 or more; or

(2) except for the contributions permitted under subdivision (1) of this subsection, prior to accepting any Vermont campaign finance grant, he or she solicits or accepts any contributions, other than qualifying contributions.

(b) A candidate who accepts Vermont campaign finance grants shall:

(1)(A) ~~not~~ Not solicit, accept, or expend any contributions except qualifying contributions, Vermont campaign finance grants, and contributions authorized under section 2985 of this chapter, which contributions may be solicited, accepted, or expended only in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter;.

(B) For the purposes of this subdivision (1), notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 2944(c)(1) of this chapter, an expenditure described in that subdivision that is made by a political party that is associated with the candidate shall not be presumed to be a related expenditure made on behalf of the candidate.

(2) ~~deposit~~ Deposit all qualifying contributions, Vermont campaign finance grants, and any contributions accepted in accordance with the provisions of section 2985 of this chapter in a federally insured noninterest-bearing checking account; ~~and~~.

(3) ~~not~~ Not later than 40 days after the general election, deposit in the Secretary of State Services Fund, after all permissible expenditures have been paid, the balance of any amounts remaining in the account established under subdivision (2) of this subsection.

Sec. 4. 17 V.S.A. § 2984 is amended to read:

§ 2984. QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) In order to qualify for Vermont campaign finance grants, a candidate for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall obtain during ~~the~~ his or her chosen Vermont campaign finance qualification period the following amount and number of qualifying contributions for the office being sought:

(1) for Governor, a total amount of no less than \$35,000.00 collected from no fewer than 1,500 qualified individual contributors making a contribution of no more than \$50.00 each; or

(2) for Lieutenant Governor, a total amount of no less than \$17,500.00 collected from no fewer than 750 qualified individual contributors making a contribution of no more than \$50.00 each.

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Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

S. 224.

An act relating to warranty obligations of equipment dealers and suppliers.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Cummings for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs.

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. FINDINGS AND INTENT

(a) The General Assembly finds:

(1) Vermont has long relied on economic activity relating to working farms and forestland in the State. These working lands, and the people who work the land, are part of the State's cultural and ecological heritage, and Vermont has made major policy and budget commitments in recent years in support of working lands enterprises. Farm and forest enterprises need a robust system of infrastructure to support their economic and ecological activities, and that infrastructure requires a strong economic base consisting of dealers, manufacturers, and repair facilities. Initiatives to help strengthen farm and forest working land infrastructure are in the best interest of the State.

(2) Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles have a significant economic impact in the State, including the distribution and sale of these vehicles, use by residents, ski areas, and emergency responders, as well as tourists that come to enjoy riding snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles in Vermont. It is in the best interest of the State to ensure that Vermont consumers who want to purchase snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles have access to a competitive marketplace and a strong network of dealers, suppliers, and repair facilities in the State.

(3) The distribution and sale of equipment, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles within this State vitally affects the general economy of the State and the public interest and the public welfare, and in order to promote the public interest and the public welfare, and in the exercise of its police power, it is necessary to regulate equipment, snowmobile, and all-terrain vehicle suppliers and their representatives, and to regulate dealer agreements issued by suppliers who are doing business in this State, in order to protect and preserve the investments and properties of the citizens of this State.