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ACTION CALENDAR

Committee Bill for Second Reading

H. 125

An act relating to fiscal year 2017 budget adjustments.

(Rep. Toll of Danville will speak for the Committee on Appropriations.)

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Brennan of Colchester and Helm of Fair Haven to H. 125

That the bill be amended in Sec. 64, in subsection (a), by striking out the phrase "<u>is authorized to</u>" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "<u>shall</u>"

NOTICE CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

H. 38

An act relating to the membership of the Clean Water Fund Board

Rep. Beyor of Highgate, for the Committee on Natural Resources; Fish & Wildlife, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1389 is amended to read:

§ 1389. CLEAN WATER FUND BOARD

(a) Creation. There is created a Clean Water Fund Board which shall recommend to the Secretary of Administration expenditures from the Clean Water Fund. The Clean Water Fund Board shall be attached to the Agency of Administration for administrative purposes.

(b) Organization of the Board. The Clean Water Fund Board shall be composed of:

(1) the The Secretary of Administration or designee;.

(2) the <u>The</u> Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;.

(3) the The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee;.

(4) the <u>The</u> Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee; and.

(5) the <u>The</u> Secretary of Transportation or designee.

(6) Six members of the public to be appointed as follows:

(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the public, one of whom shall be a municipal official.

(B) The Committee on Committees shall appoint three members of the public, one of whom shall be a municipal official.

(C) Of the members appointed under this subdivision (6), it is the intent of the General Assembly that at any one time a member representing each of the following major watersheds shall be serving on the Board:

(i) the Connecticut River watershed;

(ii) the Hudson River watershed;

(iii) the Lake Champlain watershed; and

(iv) the Lake Memphramagog watershed.

(c) Officers; committees; rules; reimbursement.

(1) The Clean Water Fund Board shall annually elect a chair from its members. The Clean Water Fund Board may elect additional officers from its members, establish committees or subcommittees, and adopt procedural rules as necessary and appropriate to perform its work.

(2) Members of the Board who are not employees of the State of Vermont, who are not legislators, and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 paid from the budget of the Agency of Administration for attendance of meetings of the Board. Legislative members of the Board shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.

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(g) Terms; appointed members. Members who are appointed to the Clean Water Fund Board shall be appointed for terms of three years, except initially, appointments shall be made such that two members appointed by the Speaker shall be appointed for a term of two years, and two members appointed by the Committee on Committees shall be appointed for a term of one year. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the remaining period of the term in the same manner as initial appointments.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 8-0-1)

An act relating to awarding hunting and fishing licenses at no cost to persons 65 years of age or older

Rep. McCullough of Williston, for the Committee on Natural Resources; Fish & Wildlife, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c) is amended to read:

(c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the Department by a person qualifying as follows:

(1) A Vermont resident $\frac{70}{66}$ years of age or older may receive one or all of the following licenses at no cost for $\frac{560.00}{2}$

(A) a permanent fishing license;

(B) if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a <u>permanent</u> combination fishing and hunting license, which shall include all big game licenses, except for a moose license;

(C) if the person qualifies for a trapping license, a <u>permanent</u> trapping license; and

(D) if the person qualifies for an archery license, an <u>a permanent</u> archery license.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; IMPLEMENTATION

This act shall take effect on passage, provided that the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall not start collecting license fees for licenses issued under 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c)(1) until July 1, 2017.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act relating to permanent licenses for persons 66 years of age or older"

(Committee Vote: 9-0-0)

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar.

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Public Hearings

Public Hearing on Executive Order 05-17 Reorganization of the Department of Labor and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to a New Agency of Economic Opportunity

Joint Hearing to take public comment on Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30-7:30 pm in Room 11 of the statehouse. All witnesses will have a three minute time limit to testify. Additionally, comments may be submitted in writing at the hearing.

For those unable to participate in the hearing, written comments may be submitted to Cheryl Ewen, Committee Assistant, Senate Committee on Economic Development, cewen@leg.state.vt.us

Information Notice

Drafting Request Deadline

Pursuant to Rule 40(a):

During the first year of the biennium:

(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill drafted in standard form unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council on or before the last legislative day of January and approves the bill for public release on or before the fourth legislative day before the end of February.

(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form relating to the adoption or amendment of a municipal charter or to the approval of a municipal merger at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(3) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in short form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.