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ACTION CALENDAR

Third Reading

H. 829

An act relating to appointing town grand jurors

Favorable with Amendment

H. 237

An act relating to saliva testing

Rep. Brennan of Colchester, for the Committee on Transportation, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1200 is amended to read:

§ 1200. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

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(3) “Evidentiary test” means a breath, saliva, or blood test which indicates the person’s alcohol concentration or the presence of other drug and which is intended to be introduced as evidence.

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(11) “Preliminary screening” means a breath or saliva test administered by a law enforcement officer for the purpose of deciding whether an arrest should be made and whether to request an evidentiary test. The results of a preliminary screening shall not be introduced as evidence of impairment in any court proceeding.

Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1201 is amended to read:

§ 1201. OPERATING VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER SUBSTANCE; CRIMINAL REFUSAL; ENHANCED PENALTY FOR BAC OF 0.16 OR MORE

(a) A person shall not operate, attempt to operate, or be in actual physical control of any vehicle on a highway:

(1) when the person’s alcohol concentration is:

(A) 0.08 or more;₂ or

(B) 0.02 or more if the person is operating a school bus as defined in subdivision 4(34) of this title; or

(C) 0.04 or more if the person is operating a commercial vehicle as defined in subdivision 4103(4) of this title; or

(2) when the person is under the influence of alcohol; or

(3) when the person is under the influence of any other drug or under the combined influence of alcohol and any other drug; ~~or~~

~~(4) when the person's alcohol concentration is 0.04 or more if the person is operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined in subdivision 4103(4) of this title.~~

(b) A person who has previously been convicted of a violation of this section shall not operate, attempt to operate, or be in actual physical control of any vehicle on a highway and refuse a law enforcement officer's reasonable request under the circumstances for an evidentiary test where the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person was in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) A person shall not operate, attempt to operate, or be in actual physical control of any vehicle on a highway and be involved in an accident or collision resulting in serious bodily injury or death to another and refuse a law enforcement officer's reasonable request under the circumstances for an evidentiary test where the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person has any amount of alcohol or drugs in the his or her system.

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Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 1202 is amended to read:

§ 1202. CONSENT TO TAKING OF TESTS TO DETERMINE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT OR PRESENCE OF OTHER DRUG

(a)(1) Implied consent. Every person who operates, attempts to operate, or is in actual physical control of any vehicle on a highway in this State is deemed to have given consent to an evidentiary test of that person's breath for the purpose of determining the person's alcohol concentration or the presence of other drug in the blood. The test shall be administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer.

(2) Blood test. If breath testing equipment is not reasonably available or if the officer has reason to believe that the person is unable to give a sufficient sample of breath or saliva for testing or if the law enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person is under the influence of a drug other than alcohol, the person is deemed to have given consent to the taking of an evidentiary sample of blood. If in the officer's opinion the person is

incapable of decision or unconscious or dead, it is deemed that the person's consent is given and a sample of blood shall be taken. A blood test sought pursuant to this subdivision (2) shall be obtained pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

(3) Saliva test. If the law enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person is under the influence of a drug other than alcohol, or under the combined influence of alcohol and a drug, the person is deemed to have given consent to the taking of an evidentiary sample of saliva. Any saliva test administered under this section shall be used only for the limited purpose of detecting the presence of a drug in the person's body, and shall not be used to extract DNA information.

(4) Evidentiary test. The evidentiary test shall be required of a person when a law enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person was operating, attempting to operate, or in actual physical control of a vehicle in violation of section 1201 of this title.

~~(4)~~(5) Fatal collision or incident resulting in serious bodily injury. The evidentiary test shall also be required if the person is the surviving operator of a motor vehicle involved in a fatal incident or collision or an incident or collision resulting in serious bodily injury and the law enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has any amount of alcohol or other drug in his or her system.

(b) A refusal to take a breath or saliva test may be introduced as evidence in a criminal proceeding.

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(f) If a blood test is sought from a person pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, or if a person who has been involved in an accident or collision resulting in serious bodily injury or death to another refuses an evidentiary test, a law enforcement officer may apply for a search warrant pursuant to Rule 41 of the Vermont Rules of Criminal Procedure to obtain a sample of blood for an evidentiary test. If a blood sample is obtained by search warrant, the fact of the refusal may still be introduced in evidence, in addition to the results of the evidentiary test. Once a law enforcement official begins the application process for a search warrant, the law enforcement official is not obligated to discontinue the process even if the person later agrees to provide an evidentiary ~~breath~~ sample. The limitation created by Rule 41(g) of the Vermont Rules of Criminal Procedure regarding blood specimens shall not apply to search warrants authorized by this section.

(g) The Defender General shall provide statewide 24-hour coverage seven days a week to assure that adequate legal services are available to persons

entitled to consult an attorney under this section.

Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 1203 is amended to read:

§ 1203. ADMINISTRATION OF TESTS; RETENTION OF TEST AND VIDEOTAPE

(a) A breath or saliva test shall be administered or taken only by a person who has been certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council to operate the breath or saliva testing equipment being employed. In any proceeding under this subchapter, a person's testimony that he or she is certified to operate the breath testing equipment employed shall be prima facie evidence of that fact.

(b) Only a physician, licensed nurse, medical technician, physician assistant, medical technologist, or laboratory assistant acting at the request of a law enforcement officer may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol or other drug. This limitation does not apply to the taking of a breath or saliva sample.

(c) ~~When a breath test which is intended to be introduced in evidence is taken with a crimper device or when~~ blood or saliva is withdrawn at an officer's request, a sufficient amount of ~~breath saliva~~ breath saliva or blood, as the case may be, shall be taken to enable the person to have made an independent analysis of the sample, and shall be held for at least 45 days from the date the sample was taken. At any time during that period the person may direct that the sample be sent to an independent laboratory of the person's choosing for an independent analysis. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules providing for the security of the sample. At no time shall the defendant or any agent of the defendant have access to the sample. A preserved sample of breath shall not be required when an infrared breath-testing instrument is used. A person tested with an infrared breath-testing instrument shall have the option of having a second infrared test administered immediately after receiving the results of the first test.

(d) In the case of a breath, saliva, or blood test ~~administered using an infrared breath testing instrument~~, the test shall be analyzed in compliance with rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety. The analyses shall be retained by the State. A sample is adequate if the infrared breath testing instrument analyzes the sample and does not indicate the sample is deficient. ~~Analysis~~ An analysis of the person's breath saliva or blood which is available to that person for independent analysis shall be considered valid when performed according to methods approved by the Department of Public Safety. The analysis performed by the State shall be considered valid when performed according to a method or methods selected by the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety shall use rule making procedures to select its

method or methods. Failure of a person to provide an adequate breath or saliva sample constitutes a refusal.

(e) [Repealed.]

(f) When a law enforcement officer has reason to believe that a person may be violating or has violated section 1201 of this title, the officer may request the person to provide a sample of breath or saliva for a preliminary screening test using a device approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety for this purpose. The person shall not have the right to consult an attorney prior to submitting to this preliminary ~~breath-alcohol~~ screening test. The results of this preliminary screening test may be used for the purpose of deciding whether an arrest should be made and whether to request an evidentiary test and shall not be used in any court proceeding except on those issues. Following the screening, test additional tests may be required of the operator pursuant to the provisions of section 1202 of this title.

(g) The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall report in writing to the Department of Motor Vehicles the death of any person as the result of an accident involving a vehicle and the circumstances of such accident within five days of such death.

(h) A Vermont law enforcement officer shall have a right to request a breath, saliva or blood sample in an adjoining state or country under this section unless prohibited by the law of the other state or country. If the law in an adjoining state or country does not prohibit an officer acting under this section from taking a breath, saliva, or blood sample in its jurisdiction, evidence of such sample shall not be excluded in the courts of this State solely on the basis that the test was taken outside the State.

(i) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt emergency rules relating to the operation, maintenance, and use of preliminary drug or alcohol screening devices for use by law enforcement officers in enforcing the provisions of this title. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall consider relevant standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in adopting such rules. Any preliminary alcohol screening device authorized for use under this title shall be on the qualified products list of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 1203a(b) is amended to read:

(b) Arrangements for a blood test shall be made by the person submitting to the evidentiary breath or saliva test, by the person's attorney, or by some other person acting on the person's behalf unless the person is detained in custody after administration of the evidentiary test and upon completion of processing,

in which case the law enforcement officer having custody of the person shall make arrangements for administration of the blood test upon demand but at the person's own expense.

Sec. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 1204 is amended to read:

§ 1204. PERMISSIVE INFERENCES

(a) Upon the trial of any civil or criminal action or proceeding arising out of acts alleged to have been committed by a person while operating, attempting to operate, or in actual physical control of a vehicle on a highway, the person's alcohol concentration shall give rise to the following permissive inferences:

(1) If the person's alcohol concentration at that time was less than 0.08, such fact shall not give rise to any presumption or permissive inference that the person was or was not under the influence of alcohol, but such fact may be considered with other competent evidence in determining whether the person was under the influence of alcohol.

(2) If the person's alcohol concentration at that time was 0.08 or more, it shall be a permissive inference that the person was under the influence of alcohol in violation of subdivision 1201(a)(2) or (3) of this title.

(3) If the person's alcohol concentration at any time within two hours of the alleged offense was 0.10 or more, it shall be a permissive inference that the person was under the influence of alcohol in violation of subdivision 1201(a)(2) or (3) of this title.

(b) The foregoing provisions shall not be construed as limiting the introduction of any other competent evidence bearing upon the question whether the person was under the influence of alcohol or under the combined influence of alcohol and another drug, nor shall they be construed as requiring that evidence of the amount of alcohol or drug in the person's blood, breath, urine, or saliva must be presented.

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

H. 294

An act relating to inquiries about an applicant's salary history

Rep. Walz of Barre City, for the Committee on General; Housing and Military Affairs, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, by redesignating the section to be 21 V.S.A. § 495m

Second: In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 495m, after subsection (b), by adding a subsection (c) to read:

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an employer from:

(1) inquiring about a prospective employee's salary expectations or requirements; or

(2) providing information about the wages, benefits, compensation, or salary offered in relation to a position.

Third: In Sec. 2, effective date, by striking out "2017" and inserting in lieu thereof "2018"

(Committee Vote: 9-0-2)

H. 571

An act relating to creating the Department of Liquor and Lottery and the Board of Liquor and Lottery

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury, for the Committee on General; Housing and Military Affairs, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 9, 7 V.S.A. § 101, by striking out subdivision (b)(4) in its entirety and inserting a new subdivision (b)(4) to read:

(4) The Governor shall ~~biennially~~ designate a member of the Board to be its Chair. The Chair shall have general charge of the offices and employees of the Board.

Second: In Sec. 105, 32 V.S.A. § 1010, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 105 to read:

Sec. 105. 32 V.S.A. § 1010 is amended to read:

§ 1010. MEMBERS OF CERTAIN BOARDS

(a) Except for those members serving ex officio or otherwise regularly employed by the State, the compensation of the members of the following Boards shall be \$50.00 per diem:

* * *

(7) ~~Liquor Control Board~~ [Repealed.]

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(g) For each day of official duties, a member of the Board of Liquor and Lottery shall receive the same per diem compensation as a member of the General Assembly receives pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406(a)(1) together with his or her actual and necessary expenses pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

Third: In Sec. 111, Transition, in subdivision (a)(1), after the words “The Commissioner of Liquor” by striking out the words “and Lottery” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Control”

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Rep. Trieber of Rockingham, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on General; Housing and Military Affairs and when further amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 9, 7 V.S.A. § 101, by striking out subdivision (b)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b)(1) to read:

(b)(1) ~~The Liquor Control Board of Liquor and Lottery shall consist of five persons, not more than three members of which.~~ Not all members of the Board shall belong to the same political party.

Second: In Sec. 105, 32 V.S.A. § 1010, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 105 to read:

Sec. 105. [Deleted.]

Third: By inserting a Sec. 105a to read as follows:

Sec. 105a. 32 V.S.A. § 1010 is amended to read:

§ 1010. MEMBERS OF CERTAIN BOARDS

(a) Except for those members serving ex officio or otherwise regularly employed by the State, the compensation of the members of the following Boards shall be \$50.00 per diem:

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(7) ~~Liquor Control Board~~ of Liquor and Lottery

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(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

H. 624

An act relating to the protection of information in the statewide voter checklist

Rep. Gannon of Wilmington, for the Committee on Government Operations, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2154 is amended to read:

§ 2154. STATEWIDE VOTER CHECKLIST

(a) The Secretary of State shall ~~establish~~ maintain a uniform and nondiscriminatory, statewide voter ~~registration~~ checklist. This checklist shall serve as the official voter registration list for all elections in the State. In ~~establishing~~ maintaining the statewide voter checklist, the Secretary shall:

(1) limit ~~the~~ a town clerk to adding, modifying, or deleting applicant and voter information on the portion of the checklist for that clerk's municipality;

(2) limit access to the statewide voter checklist for a local elections official to verifying if whether the applicant is registered in another municipality in the State by a search for the individual voter;

(3) notify a local elections official when a voter registered in that official's district registers in another voting district so that the voter may be removed from that ~~district's~~ official's district checklist;

(4) provide adequate security to prevent unauthorized access to the checklist; and

(5) ensure the compatibility and comparability of information on the checklist with information contained in the Department of Motor Vehicles' computer systems.

(b)(1) A registered voter's month and day of birth, driver's license or nondriver identification number, telephone number, e-mail address, and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number shall be kept confidential and are exempt from public ~~copying and inspection~~ and copying under the Public Records Act.

(2) A public agency as defined in 1 V.S.A. § 317 and any officer, employee, agent, or independent contractor of a public agency shall not knowingly disclose any information pertaining to a registered voter that is maintained in the statewide voter checklist or in a municipality's portion of the statewide voter checklist to any foreign government or to a federal agency or commission or to a person acting on behalf of a foreign government or of such

a federal entity for the purpose of:

(A) registration of a voter based on his or her information maintained in the checklist;

(B) publicly disclosing a voter's information maintained in the checklist; or

(C) comparing a voter's information maintained in the checklist to personally identifying information contained in other federal or state databases.

(c)(1) Any person wishing to obtain a copy of all of the statewide voter checklist must swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury pursuant to 13 V.S.A. chapter 65, that the person will not:

(A) use the checklist for commercial purposes; or

(B) knowingly disclose any voter information maintained in the checklist to any foreign government or to a federal agency or commission or to a person acting on behalf of a foreign government or of such a federal entity in circumvention of the prohibition set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.

(2) The affirmation shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

(d) An elections official shall not access the portion of the statewide voter checklist that is exempt from public inspection pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(31), except for elections purposes.

Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 317 is amended to read:

§ 317. DEFINITIONS; PUBLIC AGENCY; PUBLIC RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS

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(c) The following public records are exempt from public inspection and copying:

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(31) Records of a registered voter's month and day of birth, driver's license or nondriver identification number, telephone number, e-mail address, and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number contained in an application to the statewide voter checklist or the statewide voter checklist established under 17 V.S.A. § 2154 or the failure to register to vote under 17 V.S.A. § 2145a.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 7-3-1)

H. 673

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the Reach Up program

Rep. Keefe of Manchester, for the Committee on Human Services, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Program Eligibility * * *

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1103 is amended to read:

§ 1103. ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT LEVELS

(a) Financial assistance shall be given for the benefit of a dependent child to the relative or caretaker with whom the child is living, unless otherwise provided. The amount of financial assistance to which an eligible person is entitled shall be determined with due regard to the income, resources, and maintenance available to that person and, as far as funds are available, shall provide that person a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. The Commissioner may fix by ~~regulation~~ rule maximum amounts of financial assistance, and act to ensure that the expenditures for the programs shall not exceed appropriations for them consistent with section 101 of this title. In no case ~~may~~ shall the Department expend State funds in excess of the appropriations for the programs under this chapter.

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(c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules for the determination of eligibility for the Reach Up program and benefit levels for all participating families that include the following provisions:

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(7) ~~The equity value of one operable motor vehicle in a family with a single parent or caretaker and of two operable motor vehicles in a two-parent family for each adult in the family and the equity value of one operable motor vehicle for any child of driving age who needs a vehicle to attend school or work shall be excluded for purposes of determining eligibility for the Reach Up program. The Commissioner shall take all steps necessary to retain current resource protections under the Food Stamps program~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) so that the rules under ~~the Food Stamps program~~ SNAP and the Reach Up program are compatible.

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* * * Case Management Reviews * * *

Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 1107(a) is amended to read:

(a)(1) The Commissioner shall provide all Reach Up services to participating families through a case management model informed by knowledge of the family's home, community, employment, and available resources. Services may be delivered in the district office, the family's home, or the community in a way that facilitates progress toward accomplishment of the family development plan. Case management may be provided to other eligible families. The case manager, with the full involvement of the family, shall recommend, and the Commissioner shall modify as necessary, a family development plan established under the Reach First or Reach Up program for each participating family, with a right of appeal as provided by section 1132 of this title. A case manager shall be assigned to each participating family as soon as the family begins to receive financial assistance. If administratively feasible and appropriate, the case manager shall be the same case manager the family was assigned in the Reach First program. The applicant for or recipient of financial assistance under this chapter shall have the burden of demonstrating the existence of his or her condition.

~~(2) In addition to the services provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner shall provide for a mandatory case review for each participating family with a program director or the program director's designee when the family reaches 18 and 36 months of enrollment, respectively, in the Reach Up program to assess whether the participating family:~~

~~(A) is in compliance with a family development plan or work requirement;~~

~~(B) is properly claiming a deferment, if applicable;~~

~~(C) has any unaddressed barriers to self-sufficiency and, if so, how those barriers may be better addressed by the Department for Children and Families or other State programs; and~~

~~(D) has additional opportunities to achieve earned income through the program without a corresponding loss of benefits.~~

(3) The case manager shall meet with each participating family following any statutory or rule changes affecting the amount of the earned income disregard, asset limitations, or other eligibility or benefit criteria in the Reach Up program to inform the family of the changes and advise the family about ways to maximize the opportunities to achieve earned income without a corresponding loss of benefits.

* * * Work Requirements * * *

Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 1113(c) is amended to read:

~~(c) The hours of the work requirement shall be as follows A participating family shall be deemed to meet the work requirement if:~~

~~(1) In two-parent families in which both parents are able-to-work: neither parent receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a combined total of at least 35 hours a week of employment or work activities or the number of hours the parents have been determined able-to-work by the Department is completed. One or both parents may contribute to the completion of the employment or work activities required by this subdivision.~~

~~(A) The parent who is not the primary caretaker of a dependent child, referred to in this subsection as the “principal-earner parent,” shall work no less than full-time in unsubsidized employment or in one or more work activities and accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 45 hours per week~~

~~(B) As used in this subdivision, “full-time” means 40 hours per week. A position requiring no fewer than 35 hours per week that the employer defines as full-time shall be deemed full-time employment.~~

~~(C) The requirements of this subdivision may be satisfied if both parents secure employment or work activities with combined hours equal to or exceeding 40 hours per week.~~

~~(2) The primary caretaker of a dependent child in a two-parent family in which both parents are able-to-work shall have no work requirement, provided that the principal-earner parent complies with the work requirement and is not sanctioned in accordance with section 1115 of this title. In the event that the principal-earner parent in a two-parent family is sanctioned for failing to meet the work requirement, the primary caretaker shall be deemed work-ready and subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection. Within 30 days of the effective date of the principal-earner parent’s sanction the primary caretaker shall report to the family’s case manager, complete an assessment, modify the family’s family development plan, and comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection.~~

~~(3) All other able-to-work participants and able-to-work part-time participants who are not subject to the work requirement established by subdivision (1) of this subsection or who are exempted from the work requirement in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection shall comply with the following requirements In a two-parent family in which one parent receives SSI:~~

~~(A) if If the family includes two parents, and one parent is able-to-work and the other parent is able-to-work part-time or unable-to-work, the~~

~~able-to-work parent shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for no fewer than 30 hours per week, and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 35 hours per week; a child six years of age or older, the work-eligible parent shall participate in one or more work activities for at least 30 hours per week or the number of hours the parent has been determined able-to-work by the Department.~~

~~(B) if If the family includes two parents and both parents are able-to-work-part-time: a child under six years of age, the work-eligible parent shall participate in one or more work activities for at least 20 hours per week or the number of hours the parent has been determined able-to-work by the Department.~~

~~(i) if one participating parent has been determined able-to-work-part-time at least 30 hours per week, that parent shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for no fewer than 30 hours per week and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 34 hours per week, provided that the scheduled hours do not exceed the number of hours the parent has been determined able-to-work-part-time;~~

~~(ii) if neither participating parent has been determined able-to-work-part-time at least 30 hours per week but the parents, in combination, have been determined able-to-work-part-time 30 hours per week, both parents shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for which the sum of the hours is at least 30 hours per week and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 34 hours per week, provided that the scheduled hours do not exceed the number of hours the parents, in combination, have been determined able-to-work-part-time; or~~

~~(iii) if the participating parents, in combination, have been determined able-to-work-part-time fewer than 30 hours per week, the parents shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for the number of hours that the two parents, in combination, have been determined able-to-work-part-time;~~

~~(C) if the family includes two parents and one parent is able-to-work-part-time and the other parent is unable-to-work: As used in this subdivision (c)(2), “work-eligible parent” means a parent who is not receiving SSI.~~

~~(i) if one participating parent has been determined able-to-work-part-time at least 30 hours per week, that parent shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for no fewer than 30 hours per week and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 34 hours per week, provided that the scheduled hours do not~~

~~exceed the number of hours that the parent has been determined able-to-work-part-time; or~~

~~(ii) if one participating parent has been determined able-to-work-part-time fewer than 30 hours per week, that parent shall work in unsubsidized work or participate in one or more work activities for the number of hours that the parent has been determined able-to-work-part-time;~~

~~(D)(3) In a single-parent family:~~

~~(A) if the family includes only one adult (parent, relative, or caretaker) who is able to work and no child is under the age of If the family's youngest child is six years of age or older, the participant shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for ~~no fewer than at least 30 hours per week, and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 35 hours per week; or the number of hours the parent has been determined able-to-work by the Department.~~~~

~~(E) if the family includes only one adult (parent, relative, or caretaker) who is able to work part-time and no child is under the age of six years:~~

~~(i) if the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time at least 30 hours per week, the participant shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for no fewer than 30 hours per week and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 34 hours per week, provided that the scheduled hours do not exceed the number of hours that the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time; or~~

~~(ii) if the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time fewer than 30 hours per week, the participant shall work in unsubsidized work or participate in one or more work activities fewer than 30 hours per week for the number of hours that the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time;~~

~~(F)(B) if the family includes only one adult (parent, relative, or caretaker) who is able to work and a If the family's youngest child is under the age of six years of age, the participant shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for no fewer than at least 20 hours per week and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 24 hours per week; and or the number of hours the parent has been determined able-to-work by the Department.~~

~~(G) if the family includes only one adult (parent, relative, or caretaker) who is able to work part-time and a child under the age of six years:~~

~~(i) if the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time at~~

~~least 20 hours per week, the participant shall work in unsubsidized employment or participate in one or more work activities for no fewer than 20 hours per week, and shall accept unsubsidized employment with scheduled hours up to 24 hours per week, provided that the scheduled hours do not exceed the number of hours that the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time; or~~

~~(ii) if the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time fewer than 20 hours per week, the participant shall work in unsubsidized work or participate in one or more work activities fewer than 20 hours per week for the number of hours that the participant has been determined able-to-work-part-time.~~

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* * * Educational Deferment * * *

Sec. 4. 33 V.S.A. § 1114(b) is amended to read:

(b) The work requirements shall be either modified or deferred for:

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(7) A participant who has attained 20 years of age and who is engaged in at least 25 15 hours per week of classes and related learning activities for the purpose of attaining a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate or completing a literacy program approved by the Department; provided that the participant is making satisfactory progress toward the attainment of such the diploma or certificate; and provided further that a deferment or modification granted for this purpose does not exceed six 18 months.

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* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Favorable

H. 764

An act relating to data brokers and consumer protection.

(Rep. Botzow of Pownal will speak for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.)

Rep. Young of Glover, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends the bill ought to pass.

(Committee Vote: 7-4-0)

Rep. Lalonde of South Burlington, for the Committee on Judiciary, recommends the bill ought to pass.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

NOTICE CALENDAR
Favorable with Amendment

H. 582

An act relating to increased funding for the Connectivity Initiative

Rep. Sibilia of Dover, for the Committee on Energy and Technology, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 7523 is amended to read:

§ 7523. RATE OF CHARGE

(a) Beginning on July 1, 2014, the rate of charge shall be two percent of retail telecommunications service.

(b) Beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2022, the rate of charge established under subsection (a) of this section shall be increased by one-half of one percent of retail telecommunications service, and the monies collected from this increase shall be transferred to the Connectivity Fund established under section 7516 of this title.

(c) Universal Service Charges imposed and collected by the fiscal agent under this subchapter shall not be transferred to any other fund or used to support the cost of any activity other than in the manner authorized by this section and section 7511 of this title.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 6-2-0)

Rep. Young of Glover, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Energy and Technology.

(Committee Vote: 9-2-0)

H. 636

An act relating to miscellaneous fish and wildlife subjects

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

* * * Information Collection * * *

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4132 is amended to read:

§ 4132. GENERAL DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

(a) The Commissioner shall have charge of the enforcement of the provisions of this part.

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(f) The Commissioner may collect data, conduct scientific research, and contract with qualified consultants for the purposes of managing fish and wildlife in the State and achieving the requirements and policies of this part. The Commissioner may designate as confidential any records produced or acquired by Department staff or contractors in the conduct of a study of or research related to fish, wildlife, wild plants, or the habitat or fish, wildlife, or wild plants, if release of the records would present a threat of harm to a species or the habitat of a species. Records designated as confidential under this subsection shall be exempt from inspection and copying under the Public Records Act. Records of Department staff or contractors that are not designated as confidential under this subsection shall be available for inspection and copying under the Public Records Act.

* * * Acquisition of Property; Grants * * *

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4144(a) is amended to read:

(a) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary with approval of the Governor may acquire for the use of the ~~State~~ Department of Fish and Wildlife by gift, purchase, or lease ~~in the name of the State, any and all rights and interests in~~ lands, ponds, or streams, and hunting and fishing rights and privileges in any lands or waters in the State, ~~with~~ and the necessary rights of ingress or egress to and from such lands and waters. The Secretary's authority to acquire property interests under this section shall include all of the interests that may be acquired under subsection 6303(a) of this title.

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 4147 is amended to read:

§ 4147. FISH AND WILDLIFE LANDS

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 166, the Secretary with

the approval of the Governor; may convey, exchange, sell, or lease lands ~~under the Secretary's jurisdiction of the Department of Fish and Wildlife for one or more of the following purposes:~~

(1) resolving trespass issues and implementing boundary line adjustments and right-of-way and deed corrections, provided that the transfers are advantageous to the State;

(2) implementing the acquisition of new lands for conservation and public recreation when, in his or her judgment, it is advantageous to the State ~~to do so in the highest orderly development of such lands and management of game thereon.~~

~~(b) Provided, however, such~~ The lease, sale, or exchange of lands under this section shall not include oil and gas leases and shall not be contrary to the terms of any contract which that has been entered into by the State.

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* * * Licensing; Lottery Applications * * *

Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 4254(e) is amended to read:

(e) The Commissioner shall establish:

(1) license agencies, for the sale and distribution of licenses or lottery applications for licenses, including any town clerk who desires to sell licenses or process lottery applications for licenses;

(2) the number, type, and location of license agencies, other than town clerk agencies;

(3) the qualifications of all agencies and agents except town clerks;

(4) controls for the inventory, safeguarding, issue, and recall of all licensing materials;

(5) the times and methods for reporting the sale and issuance of all licenses;

(6) procedures for accounting for and return of all monies and negotiable documents due the Department from agencies in accordance with the provisions of this title and Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated;

(7) procedures for the audit of all license programs and license agency transactions and the proper retention and inspection of all accounting and inventory records related to the sale or issuance of licenses;

(8) procedures for the suspension of any license agent or agency, including a town clerk agent, for noncompliance with the provisions of this title, any written agreement between the agent and the Department, or any

licensing rule established by the Department;

(9) that for each license or lottery application, \$1.50 of the fee is a filing fee that may be retained by the agent, except for the super sport license for which \$5.00 of the fee is a filing fee that may be retained by the agent; and

(10) that for licenses, lottery applications, and tags issued where the Department does not receive any part of the fee, \$1.50 may be charged as a filing fee and retained by the agent.

* * * Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Program * * *

Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 4277 is amended to read:

§ 4277. MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP PROGRAM

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) "Migratory waterfowl" means all waterfowl species in the family anatidae, including wild ducks, geese, brant, and swans.

(2) "Stamp" means the State migratory waterfowl hunting stamp furnished by the Department of Fish and Wildlife as provided for in this section and the federal migratory waterfowl stamp furnished by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

(b) Waterfowl stamp required. No person 16 years of age or older shall attempt to take or take any migratory waterfowl in this State without first obtaining a State and federal migratory waterfowl stamp for the current year in addition to a regular hunting license as provided by section 4251 of this title. A stamp shall not be transferable. The State stamp year shall run from January 1 to December 31.

(c) Waterfowl stamp design, production, and distribution. The Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall be responsible for the design, production, procurement, distribution, and sale of all stamps the State stamp and all marketable stamp byproducts by-products such as posters, artwork, calendars, and other items.

(d) Fee. Stamps State stamps shall be sold at the direction of the Commissioner for a fee of \$7.50. The issuing agent may retain a fee of \$1.00 for each stamp and shall remit \$6.50 of each fee to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Commissioner shall establish a uniform sale price for all categories of byproducts by-products.

(e) Disposition of waterfowl receipts. All State waterfowl stamp receipts and all receipts from the sale of State stamp byproducts by-products shall be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund. All State stamp and byproducts by-products receipts shall be expended through the appropriation process for

waterfowl acquisition and improvement projects.

(f) Advisory ~~committee~~ Committee. There is hereby created a the Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee which shall consist of five persons and up to three alternates appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife. The Commissioner shall designate a the Chair. The Committee shall be consulted with and may make recommendations to the Commissioner in regard to all projects and activities supported with the funds derived from the implementation of this section. The Commissioner shall make an annual financial and progress report to the Committee with regard to all activities authorized by this section.

* * * Forfeiture * * *

Sec. 6. 10 V.S.A. § 4505 is amended to read:

§ 4505. HEARING; FORFEITURE

The game warden or other officer shall retain possession of firearms, jacks, lights, motor vehicles, and devices taken until final disposition of the charge against the owner, possessor, or person using the same in violation of the provisions of section 4745, 4781, 4783, 4784, 4705(a), 4280, 4747, or 4606 of this title, in accordance with the provisions of section 4503 of this title. When the owner, possessor, or person using firearms, jacks, lights, motor vehicles, and devices in violation of the section is convicted of the offense, the court where the conviction is had shall cause the owner, if known, and possessor, and all persons having the custody of or exercising any control over the firearms, jacks, lights, motor vehicles, and devices seized, either as principal, clerk, servant, or agent and the respondent to appear and show cause, if any they have, why a forfeiture or condemnation order should not issue. The hearings may be held as a collateral proceeding to the trial of the respondent in the discretion of the court.

* * * Enforcement; Violations * * *

Sec. 7. 10 V.S.A. § 4551 is amended to read:

§ 4551. FISH AND WILDLIFE VIOLATION DEFINED

A violation of any provision of this part, other than a violation for which a term of imprisonment may be imposed, or a minor violation as defined in section 4572 of this title, ~~or a violation of a rule adopted under this part~~ shall be ~~known~~ as a fish and wildlife violation.

Sec. 8. 10 V.S.A. § 4705 is amended to read:

§ 4705. SHOOTING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES OR AIRCRAFT;
SHOOTING FROM OR ACROSS HIGHWAY; PERMIT

(a) A person shall not take, or attempt to take, a wild animal by shooting from a motor vehicle, motorboat, airplane, snowmobile, or other ~~motor propelled~~ motor-propelled craft or any vehicle drawn by a ~~motor propelled~~ motor-propelled vehicle except as permitted under subsection (e) of this section.

(b) A person shall not carry or possess while in or on a vehicle propelled by mechanical power or drawn by a vehicle propelled by mechanical power within the ~~right-of-way~~ right-of-way of a public highway a rifle or shotgun containing a loaded cartridge or shell in the chamber, mechanism, or in a magazine, or clip within a rifle or shotgun, or a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading shotgun that has been charged with powder and projectile and the ignition system of which has been enabled by having an affixed or attached percussion cap, primer, battery, or priming powder, except as permitted under subsections (d) and (e) of this section. A person who possesses a rifle, crossbow, or shotgun, including a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading shotgun, in or on a vehicle propelled by mechanical power, or drawn by a vehicle propelled by mechanical power within a ~~right-of-way~~ right-of-way of a public highway shall upon demand of an enforcement officer exhibit the firearm for examination to determine compliance with this section.

(c) A person while on or within 25 feet of the traveled portion of a public highway, except a public highway designated Class 4 on a town highway map, shall not take or attempt to take any wild animal by shooting a firearm, a muzzle loader, a bow and arrow, or a crossbow. A person while on or within the traveled portion of a public highway designated Class 4 on a town highway map shall not take or attempt to take any wild animal by shooting a firearm, a muzzle loader, a bow and arrow, or a crossbow. A person shall not shoot a firearm, a muzzle loader, a bow and arrow, or a crossbow over or across the traveled portion of a public highway, except for a person shooting over or across the traveled portion of a public highway from a sport shooting range, as that term is defined in section 5227 of this title, provided that:

(1) the sport shooting range was established before January 1, 2014; and

(2) the operators of the sport shooting range post signage warning users of the public highway of the potential danger from the sport shooting range.

(d) This section shall not restrict the possession or use of a loaded firearm by an enforcement officer in performance of his or her duty.

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Sec. 9. 10 V.S.A. § 4709 is amended to read:

§ 4709. TRANSPORT, IMPORTATION, POSSESSION, AND STOCKING
OF WILD ANIMALS; POSSESSION OF WILD BOAR

(a) A person shall not bring into the State, transport into, transport within, transport through, or possess in the State any live wild bird or animal of any kind, unless, upon application in writing therefor, the person obtains without authorization from the Commissioner a permit to do so or his or her designee. The importation permit may be granted under such regulations therefor as the ~~Board~~ Commissioner shall prescribe and only after the Commissioner has made such investigation and inspection of the birds or animals as she or he may deem necessary. The Department may dispose of unlawfully possessed or imported wildlife as it may judge best, and the State may collect treble damages from the violator of this subsection for all expenses incurred.

(b) No person shall bring into the State from another country, state, or province wildlife illegally taken, transported, or possessed contrary to the laws governing the country, state, or province from which the wildlife originated.

(c) No person shall place a Vermont-issued tag on wildlife taken outside the State. No person shall report big game in Vermont when the wildlife is taken outside the State.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Commissioner or duly authorized agents of the Department of Fish and Wildlife from bringing into the State for the purpose of planting, introducing, or stocking, or from planting, introducing, or stocking in the State, any wild bird or animal.

~~(e)~~(e) Applicants shall pay a permit fee of \$100.00.

~~(d)~~(f)(1) The Commissioner shall not issue a permit under this section for the importation or possession of the following live species, a hybrid or genetic variant of the following species, offspring of the following species, or offspring or a hybrid of a genetically engineered variant of the following species: wild boar, wild hog, wild swine, feral pig, feral hog, feral swine, old world swine, razorback, Eurasian wild boar, or Russian wild boar (*Sus scrofa* Linnaeus).

(2) This subsection shall not apply to the domestic pig (*Sus domesticus*) involved in domestic hog production and shall not restrict or limit the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to regulate the importation or possession of the domestic pig as livestock or as a domestic animal under Title 6 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

* * * Trapping * * *

Sec. 10. 10 V.S.A. § 4254c is amended to read:

§ 4254c. NOTICE OF TRAPPING; DOMESTIC PET

A person who incidentally traps a domestic pet found to be injured or killed shall notify a fish and wildlife warden if the contact identification for the

owner of the domestic pet is readily available.

Sec. 11. 10 V.S.A. § 4828 is amended to read:

§ 4828. TAKING OF RABBIT OR FUR-BEARING ANIMALS BY

LANDOWNER; SELECTBOARD; CERTIFICATE; PENALTY

(a)(1) The provisions of law or regulations ~~rules~~ of the Board relating to the taking of rabbits or fur-bearing animals shall not apply to:

(A) an owner, the owner's employee, tenant, or caretaker of property protecting the property from damage by rabbits or fur-bearing animals; or

(B) ~~to a member of~~ a member of the selectboard of a town protecting public highways or bridges from such damage or submersion with the permission of the owner of lands affected.

(2) A person who for compensation sets a trap for rabbits or furbearing animals on the property of another in defense of that property shall possess a valid trapping license.

(3)(A) ~~However, if~~ If required by rule of the ~~board~~ Board, an owner; ~~the owner's employee, tenant, or caretaker;~~ a member of the selectboard; ~~or a person who sets a trap for compensation who desire~~ desires to possess during the closed season the skins of any fur-bearing animals taken in defense of property, highways, or bridges shall notify the Commissioner or the Commissioner's representative within 84 hours after taking ~~such~~ the animal, and shall hold ~~such~~ the pelts for inspection by such authorized representatives.

(b) Before disposing of ~~such~~ pelts taken under this section, if required by rule of the Board, the property owner; ~~the owner's employee, tenant, or caretaker;~~ or a member of the selectboard; ~~or a person who sets a trap for compensation~~ shall secure from the Commissioner or a designee a certificate describing the pelts, and showing that the pelts were legally taken during a closed season and in defense of property, highways, or bridges. In the event of storage, sale, or transfer, ~~such~~ the certificates shall accompany the pelts described therein.

Sec. 12. 10 V.S.A. § 4001 is amended to read:

§ 4001. DEFINITIONS

Words and phrases used in this part, unless otherwise provided, shall be construed to mean as follows:

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(9) Game: game birds or game quadrupeds, or both.

(10) Game birds: quail, partridge, woodcock, pheasant, plover of any kind, Wilson snipe, other shore birds, rail, coot, gallinule, wild ducks, wild geese, and wild turkey.

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(13) Rabbit: to include wild hare.

(14) Fur-bearing animals: beaver, otter, marten, mink, raccoon, fisher, fox, skunk, coyote, bobcat, weasel, opossum, lynx, wolf, and muskrat.

(15) Wild animals or wildlife: all animals, including birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles, other than domestic animals, domestic fowl, or domestic pets.

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(23) Take and taking: pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring, and netting fish, birds, and quadrupeds and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or wounding or placing, setting, drawing, or using any net or other device commonly used to take fish or wild animals, whether they result in the taking or not; and shall include every attempt to take and every act of assistance to every other person in taking or attempting to take fish or wild animals, provided that when taking is allowed by law, reference is had to taking by lawful means and in a lawful manner.

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(27) Commissioner: Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife.

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(31) Big game: deer, bear, moose, wild turkey, caribou, elk, and anadromous Atlantic salmon taken in the Connecticut River Basin.

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(40) Domestic pet: domesticated dogs, domesticated cats, domesticated ferrets, psittacine birds, or any domesticated animal that is kept for pleasure rather than utility.

Sec. 13. FISH AND WILDLIFE BOARD RULES; TRAPPING

On or before January 1, 2019, the Fish and Wildlife Board shall adopt by rule those requirements of Fish and Wildlife Board Rule 44 regarding the trapping of fur-bearing animals that shall apply to persons trapping for compensation under 10 V.S.A. § 4828.

* * * Antlerless Deer; Posting with Permission * * *

Sec. 14. 10 V.S.A. § 4081(g) is amended to read:

(g) If the Board finds that an antlerless season is necessary to maintain the health and size of the herd, the Department shall administer an antlerless deer program. Annually, the Board shall determine how many antlerless permits to issue in each wildlife management unit. For a nonrefundable fee of \$10.00 for residents and \$25.00 for nonresidents, a person may apply for a permit. Each person may submit only one application for a permit. The Department shall allocate the permits in the following manner:

(1) A Vermont landowner, as defined in section 4253 of this title, who owns 25 or more contiguous acres and who applies shall receive a permit for antlerless hunting in the management unit on which the land is located before any are given to people eligible under subdivision (2) of this subsection. If the land is owned by more than one individual, corporation, or other entity, only one permit shall be issued. Landowners applying for antlerless permits under this subdivision shall not, at the time of application or thereafter during the regular hunting season, post their lands except with permission-only signs under section 5201 of this title or as a safety zone under the provisions of section 4710 of this title. As used in this section, “post” means any signage, other than permission-only signs authorized under section 5201 of this title, that would lead a reasonable person to believe that hunting is restricted on the land. If the number of landowners who apply exceeds the number of permits for that district, the Department shall award all permits in that district to landowners by lottery.

(2) Permits remaining after allocation pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be issued by lottery.

(3) Any permits remaining after permits have been allocated pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be issued by the Department for a \$10.00 fee for residents. Ten percent of the remaining permits may be issued to nonresident applicants for a \$25.00 fee.

* * * Coyote Hunting * * *

Sec. 15. 10 V.S.A. § 4716 is added to read:

§ 4716. COYOTE-HUNTING COMPETITIONS; PROHIBITION

(a) As used in this section, “coyote-hunting competition” means a contest in which people compete in the capturing or taking of coyotes for a prize or recognition.

(b) A person shall not hold or conduct a coyote-hunting competition in the State.

(c) A person shall not participate in a coyote-hunting competition in the State.

Sec. 16. 10 V.S.A. § 4502(b) is amended to read:

(b) A person violating provisions of this part shall receive points for convictions in accordance with the following schedule (all sections are in this title of the Vermont Statutes Annotated):

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(2) Ten points shall be assessed for:

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(TT) § 4716. Participating in a coyote-hunting competition.

(3) Twenty points shall be assessed for:

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(CC) § 4716. Holding or conducting a coyote-hunting competition.

Sec. 17. 10 V.S.A. § 4518 is amended to read:

§ 4518. BIG GAME VIOLATIONS; THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES; COYOTE-HUNTING COMPETITION VIOLATIONS; SUSPENSION; VIOLATIONS

Whoever violates a provision of this part or orders or rules of the Board relating to taking, possessing, transporting, buying, or selling of big game; relating to holding or participating in a coyote-hunting competition; or relating to threatened or endangered species shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 nor less than \$400.00 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both. Upon a second and all subsequent convictions or any conviction while under license suspension related to the requirements of part 4 of this title, the violator shall be fined not more than \$4,000.00 nor less than \$2,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both.

* * * Fish and Wildlife Violations; Criminal or Civil * * *

Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; REVIEW OF CRIMINAL OR CIVIL NATURE OF VIOLATIONS

The Department of Fish and Wildlife shall conduct a review of the potential criminal and civil charges for all fish and wildlife violations. On or before January 15, 2019, the Department shall submit to the House Committees on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and on Judiciary a report recommending changes to the criminal and civil charges for fish and wildlife violations. The report shall summarize the process the Department used to review the charges for fish and wildlife violations and shall explain the basis

for the Department's recommendations. Prior to preparing the report required by this section, the Department shall consult with interested stakeholders, the Judiciary, State's Attorneys, criminal defense lawyers, and fish and game groups.

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 10 (incidental trapping), 12 (definitions), 13 (trapping rules amendment), and 15-17 (coyote-hunting competitions) shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

(b) Sec. 11 (trapping for compensation) shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

(c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

(Committee Vote: 6-2-1)

H. 843

An act relating to technical corrections

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden, for the Committee on Government Operations, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Secs. 17 and 18 (deleted sections), by striking the sections in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new Secs. 17 and 18 to read as follows:

Sec. 17. 6 V.S.A. § 363 is amended to read:

§ 363. DEFINITIONS

~~When~~ As used in this chapter:

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(7) "Guaranteed analysis" means:

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(B) in reference to agricultural lime or agricultural liming material, the minimum percentages of calcium oxide and magnesium oxide ~~and/or~~ or calcium carbonate and the calcium carbonate equivalent, or both, as claimed by the manufacturer or producer of the product.

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Sec. 18. 6 V.S.A. § 365 is amended to read:

§ 365. LABELS

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(c)(1) If the Secretary finds that a requirement for expressing calcium and magnesium in elemental form would not impose an economic hardship on distributors and users of agricultural liming materials by reason of conflicting label requirements among states, he or she may require by rule that the minimum percent of calcium oxide and magnesium oxide ~~and/or~~ or calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate, or both, shall be expressed in the following terms:

Total Calcium (Ca)	percent
Total Magnesium (Mg)	percent

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Second: In Sec. 115, 20 V.S.A. § 363, in the fourth sentence, by inserting the words “or above” following the words “first sergeant” prior to the punctuation both times those words appear.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

Ordered to Lie

H. 167

An act relating to alternative approaches to addressing low-level illicit drug use.

Pending Question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Proposal of Amendment?

H. 219

An act relating to the Vermont spaying and neutering program.

Pending Question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Proposal of Amendment?

H. 581

An act relating to Connectivity Initiative grant eligibility.

Pending Question: Second Reading?

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.

H.C.R. 239

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Class of Boy Scout Eagle rank recipients in Vermont

H.C.R. 240

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Gordon N. Stafford of Brighton

H.C.R. 241

House concurrent resolution honoring former Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer Jean Burnham for her nearly half century of illustrious municipal public service

H.C.R. 242

House concurrent resolution congratulating the U-32 High School Raiders on winning a fifth consecutive boys' outdoor track and field championship

H.C.R. 243

House concurrent resolution in memory of John T. Ewing of Burlington

H.C.R. 244

House concurrent resolution designating February 13, 2018 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day at the State House

H.C.R. 245

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps on winning both a U.S. Forest Service Culture of Inclusion Award and The Corps Network's recognition for the Health Care Share program

H.C.R. 246

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Police Lieutenant Matthew Nally Sr. of Cabot for his exemplary public service as a law enforcement officer

H.C.R. 247

House concurrent resolution honoring Patrick Scheidel for his exemplary 27-year career as Essex Town Manager

H.C.R. 248

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Major Michael Evan Cram of Milton

Public Hearings

Advocates Hearings on the Governor's Recommended
Fiscal Year 2019 State Budget
House Committee on Appropriations

Thursday, February 15, 2018, 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in room 11. The House Committee on Appropriations will receive testimony on the Governor's recommended FY2019 State budget during these Advocate hearings. Please sign up in advance, with Theresa Utton-Jerman at (802) 828-5767 or tutton@leg.state.vt.us or in room 40.

The Governor's budget proposal can be viewed at the Department of Finance & Management's website.

Public Hearing on Judicial Retention. Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7:00 PM in Room 11.

Information Notice

CROSS OVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following Crossover deadlines:

(1) All **House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference including the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) on or before **Friday, March 2, 2018**, and filed with the Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

(2) All **House** bills referred pursuant to House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 16, 2018**, and filed with the Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Election of two (2) trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation. Thursday, February 15, 2018 - 10:30 A.M.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.