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GOVERNOR VETO

S. 37.

An act relating to medical monitoring.

Pending question (to be voted by call of the roll): Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill? (Two-thirds of the members present required to override the Governor's veto.)

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S. 169.

An act relating to firearms procedures.

Pending question (to be voted by call of the roll): Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill? (Two-thirds of the members present required to override the Governor's veto.)

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NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 240.

An act relating to recruiting new remote workers and new relocating workers.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Sirotkin for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and 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. REMOTE WORKERS; NEW WORKER RELOCATION
INCENTIVE PROGRAM; FUNDING AUTHORITY

Of the amounts appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 20 for the New Worker Relocation Incentive Program, the Agency may use not more than 50 percent

of the funds in fiscal year 2020 to continue providing grants through the New Remote Worker Grant Program created in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 197, Sec. 1, as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 15.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Reported favorably by Senator Sears for the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and when so amended ought to pass.

(Committee vote: 6-0-1)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Second Reading

Favorable

S. 186.

An act relating to bonded officials.

Reported favorably by Senator Collamore for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 143.

An act relating to appointing town agents.

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

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in Sec. 13 (effective date), by striking out the date "July 1, 2019" and inserting in lieu thereof the date July 1, 2020

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal for May 7, 2019, pages 954-958.)

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointment will be considered by the Senate, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Utility Commission shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Craig Bolio of Winooski – Commissioner, Department of Taxes – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Finance. (01/21/20)

NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2020 - 2:00 p.m. – House Chamber – Budget address by the Honorable Philip B. Scott, Governor of the State of Vermont.

JFO NOTICE

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3)(D):

JFO #2988 - \$337,840 from the U.S. Dept. of Energy to the VT Public Service Department to be used towards several energy-related initiatives in State FY2020.

[JFO received 12/23/2019]

JFO #2989 - \$1,250,000 from the U.S. Dept. of Justice to the VT Dept. of Children & Families to fund the expansion of mentoring opportunities for youth in rural parts of Vermont who are at risk of adverse childhood experiences (ACES), substance abuse and poverty. *Expedited review of this grant has been requested by the Administration.*

[JFO received 01/09/20]

JFO #2990 – \$3,200,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the VT Dept. of Health. Funds will be used to provide first responders with improved and expanded access to opioid overdose prevention training, equipment and medication. *One (1) limited-service position has been requested in conjunction with this grant.*

[JFO received 01/14/20]

JFO #2991 – \$53,768 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Funds will be used to restore brook trout habitat in tributaries along the Connecticut River watershed.

[JFO received 01/14/20]

JFO #2992 – \$30,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Funds will be used to increase earthquake hazard risk awareness in areas of Chittenden County.

[JFO received 01/14/20]