

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Roll Call

The roll of the Senate was thereupon called by the Secretary, John H. Bloomer, Jr., and it appeared that the following Senators were present.

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| Addison District | Senator Christopher A. Bray Senator Ruth Ellen Hardy |
| Bennington District | Senator Brian A. Campion Senator Richard W. Sears, Jr. |
| Caledonia District | Senator M. Jane Kitchel |
| Chittenden District | Senator Timothy R. Ashe Senator Philip E. Baruth Senator Deborah J. Ingram Senator Virginia V. Lyons Senator Christopher A. Pearson Senator Michael D. Sirotkin |
| Essex-Orleans District | Senator Robert A. Starr |
| Franklin District | Senator Randolph D. Brock Senator Corey. J. Parent |
| Lamoille District | Senator Richard A. Westman |
| Orange District | Senator Mark A. MacDonald |
| Rutland District | Senator Brian P. Collamore Senator Cheryl Mazzariello Hooker Senator James L. McNeil |
| Washington District | Senator Ann E. Cummings Senator Andrew J. Perchlik Senator Anthony Pollina |

Windham District

Senator Rebecca A. Balint
Senator Jeanette K. White

Windsor District

Senator Alison Clarkson
Senator Richard J. McCormack
Senator Alice W. Nitka

Message from the House No. 78

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to the following House bill:

H. 880. An act relating to Abenaki place names on State park signs.

And has severally concurred therein.

Message from the House No. 79

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 952. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 833.

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to the interbasin transfer of surface waters.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 952.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**H. 674.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment:

An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals.

Proposal of Amendment; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposals of Amendment**H. 969.**

House bill entitled:

An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Cummings, Brock, MacDonald and Sirotkin moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment as follows:

First: By inserting a nSec. B.1105.2, broadband grant deadline, to read as follows:

Sec. B.1105.2 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 10, subdivision (a)(7), is amended to read:

(7) Studies funded through the Program shall conclude within ~~six~~ 12 months of receipt of the award; distribution utility studies shall conclude within 12 months of receipt of the award.

Second: By inserting Secs. E.111.3–E.111.5, annual link up, to read as follows:

Sec. E.111.3 32 V.S.A. § 5824 is amended to read:

§ 5824. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS

The statutes of the United States relating to the federal income tax, as in effect on December 31, ~~2018~~ 2019, but without regard to federal income tax rates under 26 U.S.C. § 1, are hereby adopted for the purpose of computing the tax liability under this chapter.

Sec. E.111.4 32 V.S.A. § 7402(8) is amended to read:

(8) “Laws of the United States” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, ~~2018~~ 2019. As used in this chapter, “Internal Revenue Code” has the same meaning as “laws of the United States” as defined in this subdivision.

Sec. E.111.5 PETITIONS FOR TY 2016 REFUNDS; COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 5884(a), after April 15, 2020 and on or before July 15, 2020, the Commissioner of Taxes shall accept a taxpayer’s petition for refund with respect to income tax returns filed for the taxable year 2016. If the Commissioner determines that the taxpayer has paid an amount of income tax under 32 V.S.A. chapter 151 that, as of the date of the determination, exceeds the amount of tax liability owing from the taxpayer to the State, the Commissioner shall forthwith refund the excess amount to the taxpayer together with interest pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5884(b).

Third: By striking out Sec. H.100, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. H.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. E.215.1 (Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program, COVID-19) shall take effect retroactively on August 17, 2020.

(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. E.111.3 and E.111.4 (annual link to federal statutes) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2020 and apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019.

(c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. E.111.5 (TY 2016 refunds) shall take effect retroactively on April 15, 2020.

(d) All remaining sections shall take effect on passage.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Kitchel, Nitka, Sears, Starr, McCormack, Westman and Ashe moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment as follows:

First: In Sec. A.102.1 (relationship with 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120; repeals) in subsection (b), by striking out “on October 1, 2020”.

Second: In Sec. B.1127 (farmers’ markets; relief assistance), by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) If Coronavirus Relief Funds appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets under 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 138 remain unexpended or unencumbered after October 1, 2020, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets may use up to \$140,000.00 of the unexpended or unencumbered Coronavirus Relief Funds in fiscal year 2021 for the purpose of awarding grants under this section to farmers' markets in the State that have suffered verifiable lost revenues or expenses caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Third: In Sec. B.1101.2 (Coronavirus Relief Fund – One-time list), in subsection (a), by striking out subdivision (5) in its entirety and inserting lieu thereof the following:

(5) To the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living: \$2,000,000 for grants to Adult Day service providers to provide financial stability grant funding to the 12 adult day providers statewide to continue to support the facilities, service infrastructure, and necessary operating costs for October 2020 through December 20, 2020 as these programs remained closed due the COVID-19 crisis to prepare to reopen safely for the vulnerable populations they serve and to operate at reduced census upon reopening. Funds shall be distributed on or before October 10, 2020 to each program in accordance with the spreadsheet submitted by the providers to the Department prior to September 30, 2020. Any funds remaining subsequent to September 30, 2020 from prior Coronavirus Relief Funds appropriations for Adult Day service provides shall be carried forward until December 20, 2020 and shall remain available the Adult Day programs for their use prior to December 20, 2020.

Fourth: In Sec. G.109, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Secs. 11 and 12, in Sec. 11, by striking out “, and \$600,000.00 of this transfer shall be from one-time Transportation Fund monies appropriated and authorized for expenditure pursuant to the fiscal year 2021 budget” and inserting in lieu thereof and shall include the \$600,000.00 one-time transfer from the Transportation Fund pursuant to Sec B.1100.1 of the fiscal year 2021 budget

Fifth: In Sec. G.113, 23 V.S.A. § 3502, in subdivision (a)(2)(B), by inserting the punctuation . at the end of the subdivision.

Sixth: By adding a new section to be Sec. E.307.1 to read as follows:

Sec. E.307.1 8 V.S.A. § 4089i is amended to read:

§ 4089i. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

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(h)(1) A health insurance or other health benefit plan offered by a health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager shall limit a beneficiary's total out-of-pocket responsibility for prescription insulin medications to not more than \$100.00 per 30-day supply, regardless of the amount, type, or number of insulin medications prescribed for the beneficiary.

(2) The \$100.00 monthly limit on out-of-pocket spending for prescription insulin medications set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply regardless of whether the beneficiary has satisfied any applicable deductible requirement under the health insurance or health benefit plan.

(i) As used in this section:

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(7) "Prescription insulin medication" means a prescription medication that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

(i)(j) The Department of Financial Regulation shall enforce this section and may adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

Seventh: In Sec. H.100, effective dates, by redesignating subsection (b) to be subsection (c) and by inserting a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) Sec. E.307.1 (8 V.S.A. § 4089i) shall take effect on January 1, 2021 and shall apply to health insurance and other health benefit plans on or after January 1, 2021 on such date as a health insurer or pharmacy benefit manager issues, offers, or renews the plan, but in no event later than January 1, 2022.

Eighth: By adding a four new section to be Sec. B.1121.1, B.1121.2, B.1121.3, and B.1121.4 to read as follows:

Sec. B.1121.1 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6 is amended to read:

Sec. 6. FRONT-LINE EMPLOYEES HAZARD PAY GRANT PROGRAM

(a)(1) There is established in the Agency of Human Services the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program to administer and award grants to certain ~~public safety, public health, health care, and human services~~ employers whose employees were engaged in activities substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the eligible period or were providing essential services to Vermonters.

(2) The sum of ~~\$28,000,000.00~~ \$50,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Human Services in fiscal year 2021 for the administration and payment of grants pursuant to the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program established in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) “Agency” means the Agency of Human Services.

(2)(A) “Covered employer” means an entity that employs one or more individuals in Vermont in relation to its operation of one of the following:

(i) an assisted living residence as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(ii) a nursing home as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102 and any employer that a nursing home has contracted with for the provision of physical, speech, respiratory, or occupational therapy, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its employees for therapy services provided in the nursing home;

(iii) a residential care home as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(iv) a therapeutic community residence as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 7102;

(v) a health care facility as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432 or a physician’s office;

(vi) a dentist’s office or a dental facility;

(vii) a homeless shelter, including a lodging establishment as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4301, that, during the eligible period, provided temporary housing to homeless individuals pursuant to an agreement with the Department for Children and Families;

(viii) a home health agency as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 6302 and any employer that a home health agency has contracted with to provide physical, speech, respiratory, or occupational therapy on its behalf, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its employees for therapy services provided on behalf of the home health agency;

(ix) a federally qualified health center, rural health clinic, or clinic for the uninsured;

(x) a program licensed by the Department for Children and Families as a residential treatment program;

(xi) an ambulance service or first responder service as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2651;

(xii) a morgue; or

(xiii) a provider of necessities and services to vulnerable or disadvantaged populations;

(xiv) a cleaning or janitorial service that provides cleaning or janitorial services to a covered employer listed in subdivisions (i)–(v) and (vii)–(x) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A) in locations that are open to the general public or regularly used by the residents or patients of that covered employer, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible employees who provided cleaning or janitorial services to another covered employer during the eligible period;

(xv) a food service provider that prepares and provides meals for residents or patients of a covered employer listed in subdivisions (i)–(v) and (vii)–(x) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A), provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible employees who provided food services to the residents or patients of a covered employer during the eligible period;

(xvi) a grocery store;

(xvii) a pharmacy;

(xviii) a retailer identified as essential in Sec. 6, paragraphs f and h of Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20, provided that, during the eligible period, the retail establishment was open to the general public for in-person sales;

(xix) a wholesale distributor making deliveries to a retailer described in subdivisions (xiv)–(xvi) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A);

(xx) a trash collection or waste management service;

(xxi) a child care facility as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 3511 that provided child care services to essential service providers pursuant to Directive 2 of Executive Order 01-20;

(xxii) a vocational rehabilitation service provider;

(xxiii) a funeral establishment or crematory establishment as defined in 26 V.S.A. § 1211; or

(xxiv) an agency licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 3172 that provides security services, as defined in 26 V.S.A. § 3151, to another covered employer, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible employees who provided security services to another covered employer during the eligible period.

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(3)(A) “Elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19” means the performance of a job that:

(i) has high potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19, including through;

(I) providing in-person services or care to members of the public, patients, residents, or clients; or

(II) cleaning or sanitizing the premises of a covered employer in a location that is used by members of the public, patients, residents, clients, or individuals who are known or suspected to have COVID-19;

(ii)(I) requires frequent physical contact or close contact, or both, with ~~people~~ individuals who may be infected with SARS-CoV-2, but who are not known or suspected COVID-19 patients; or

(II) involves regularly cleaning or sanitizing the premises of a covered employer in a location that is regularly used by individuals who may be infected with SARS-CoV-2, but who are not known or suspected COVID-19 patients; or

(iii) is located in an area or facility with ongoing community transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and requires regular, close contact with members of the public, patients, residents, or clients.

(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(3), “close contact” means interactions with another individual that require the employee to be within six feet of that individual.

(4)(A) “Eligible employee” means an individual who:

(i) ~~is~~ was employed during the eligible period by a covered employer that has applied for a grant through the Program;

(ii) ~~performs~~ performed a job that had an elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19 during the eligible period;

(iii) was unable to perform his or her job remotely or to telework, including by providing health care or other services by telephone, videoconference, or telehealth;

(iv) except in the case of employees of home health agencies and nursing homes, ~~earns~~ earned an hourly base wage of \$25.00 or less during the eligible period;

(v) worked at least 68 hours for a covered employer during the eligible period; and

(vi) is not eligible to receive monetary benefits for the performance of his or her job under any program authorized or implemented by the federal government.

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(C) “Eligible employee” does not include:

- ~~(i) an independent contractor or self-employed individual; or~~
- ~~(ii) an individual who has received unemployment insurance benefits for any week during the eligible period.~~

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(c)(1) A covered employer may apply to the Secretary for a lump sum grant to provide hazard pay to eligible employees in the following amounts for the eligible period:

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(2)(A) The number of hours worked by an eligible employee during the eligible period shall include any hours of employer-provided accrued paid leave or leave provided pursuant to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act or the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act that were used by the eligible employee because he or she contracted COVID-19 or was quarantined because of exposure to COVID-19.

(B) The number of hours worked by an eligible employee during the eligible period shall not include:

(i) any hours of employer-provided accrued paid leave or leave provided pursuant to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act or the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act that were used by the eligible employee to care for another individual; ~~and~~

(ii) any hours of remote or telework performed by the eligible employee, including the provision of healthcare or other services by telephone, videoconference, or telehealth; ~~and~~

(iii) any hours of work performed as an independent contractor or a sole proprietor.

(3)(A) An eligible employee may elect not to receive hazard pay funded by a grant provided pursuant to the Program by providing notice to his or her employer pursuant to procedures adopted by the employer.

(B) For an individual who is eligible to receive a hazard pay grant directly from the Program pursuant to subsection (i) of this section, the eligible employee may elect not to receive the hazard pay grant by providing notice pursuant to procedures adopted by the Secretary.

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(7) A covered employer may identify potentially eligible employees who are no longer employed by the employer by providing the former employee's name, mailing address, and any other information required by the Secretary. The Program shall provide the individuals identified with notice of their potential eligibility and information regarding how to apply for a grant pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (j)(1) of section.

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~~(i)(1) The definition of "covered employer" set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall be deemed to include to the types of employers listed in subdivision (b)(2) of this subsection to the extent permitted by federal law and any applicable guidance if either of the following occurs:~~

~~(A) the permissible uses of monies in the Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to Sec. 5001 of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, as amended, and any related guidance are expanded to permit the payment of hazard pay to employees of some or all of the types of employers listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection (i); or~~

~~(B) a federal program that grants money directly to the State, which may be used to provide hazard pay to employees of some or all of the types of employers listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection (i), is enacted.~~

~~(2) The following types of employers may be deemed to be included within the definition of "covered employer" set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section if the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection are met:~~

~~(A) a grocery store;~~

~~(B) a pharmacy;~~

~~(C) a retailer identified as essential in Sec. 6, paragraphs f and h of addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20, provided that, during the eligible period, the majority of the retail establishment was open to the general public for in-person sales rather than curbside pickup or delivery;~~

~~(D) a wholesale distributor making deliveries to a retailer described in subdivisions (A)–(C) of this subdivision (i)(2);~~

~~(E) a trash collection or waste management service;~~

~~(F) a janitorial service that provides cleaning or janitorial services to another covered employer;~~

~~(G) a child care facility as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 3511 that is providing child care services to essential service providers pursuant to Directive 2 of Executive Order 01-20;~~

~~(H) a vocational rehabilitation service provider; or~~

~~(I) a funeral establishment or crematory establishment as defined in 26 V.S.A. § 1211.~~

(A) The Program shall provide each potentially eligible employee who has been identified as no longer employed by a covered employer with notice that he or she may be eligible to obtain a grant through the Program and information regarding how to apply for a grant. The notice and information shall be sent to the address provided by the individual's former employer.

(B) The notice sent to each potentially eligible employee pursuant to this subdivision (1) shall inform the individual that he or she may elect to decline the grant and provide him or her with information regarding how to do so.

(2)(A) Eligible employees who apply for a grant pursuant to this subsection (i) shall receive a grant directly from the Program in the appropriate amount set forth in subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(B) Each eligible employee who receives a grant payment pursuant to this subsection (i) shall, together with his or her grant payment, be provided with written notice that the grant may be subject to income tax.

(j) Any personally identifiable information that is collected by the Program, any entity of State government performing a function of the Program, or any entity that the Secretary contracts with to perform a function of the Program shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from inspection and copying under the Public Records Act.

Sec. B.1121.2 HAZARD PAY; IDENTIFICATION OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

For each covered employer, as defined in Sec. B.1121.1 of this act, that submitted an application to the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program on or before the effective date of this act, the Secretary shall send notice to the covered employer that it may identify potentially eligible employees who were no longer employed by the employer at the time it submitted its initial application and provide information regarding how to identify such potentially eligible employees to the Program. The Program shall provide the individuals identified with notice of their potential eligibility and information regarding how to apply for a grant pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (i)(1) of Sec. B.1121.1 of this act.

Sec. B.1121.3. DELEGATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Notwithstanding any provision of 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6

to the contrary, the Secretary of Human Services may, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, delegate administration of specific aspects of the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program to other agencies and departments of the State.

Sec. B.1121.4 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

Sec. 14. CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, SUMMER CAMPS,
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS; PARENT CHILD CENTERS;
CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED SERVICES

(a)(1) The sum of \$12,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department for Children and Families in fiscal year 2021 for the purposes of providing:

(A) additional restart grants to summer camps, afterschool programs, and child care providers;

(B) a prospective workforce stabilization program for staff employed at child care programs regulated by the Department for Children and Families for risks associated with elevated exposure to COVID-19;

(C) the cost incurred by Parent Child Centers in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, including the increased demand for services by impacted families; and

~~(C)~~(D) funds to address the immediate needs related to providing Children's Integrated Services, including information technology training and the provision of equipment necessary for telehealth services.

(2) The Department shall determine the allocation of funding for this subsection and develop an application process to distribute funds to providers.

(b) Once the Department has determined how the appropriation set forth in this section shall be distributed, but not later than August 18, 2020, it shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding how the funds are to be distributed across programs.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Balint, Lyons and Ingram moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. E.314.2 in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. E.314.2 to read as follows:

Sec. E.314.2 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES; DATA COLLECTION

(a) The Director of Racial Equity, in collaboration with the Mental Health Crisis Response Commission and the Departments of Mental Health and of

Public Safety, shall explore strategies for collecting data related to persons accessing emergency services related to a mental health crisis. The Director shall solicit recommendations from persons with lived experience of a mental health condition or psychiatric disability and members of other impacted communities, including those communities experiencing inequities or marginalization, such as racial discrimination, that expose them to additional risks from unnecessary law enforcement or mental health system interventions.

(b)(1) The Director, in collaboration with the Mental Health Crisis Response Commission and the Departments of Mental Health and of Public Safety and in consultation with persons with lived experience and members of other impacted communities, shall examine how to collect the following types of data in a manner that comports with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1320d-5 and 1320d-6, and ensures best clinical practice:

(A) the number of 911 calls received by category that are related to an individual's medical condition, mental or emotional condition, developmental or intellectual disability, or substance use, or any combination thereof;

(B) the race of the individuals that are the subject of a 911 call;

(C) the number and race of individuals referred to the Department of Mental Health or arrested for a misdemeanor or felony, or both, or where no subsequent action was taken;

(D) the number of referrals received by the Department of Mental Health from State law enforcement agencies;

(E) the race of individuals referred to the Department of Mental Health by State law enforcement agencies;

(F) the number of individuals referred to the Department of Mental Health by State law enforcement agencies who are already a client of a designated or specialized service agency; and

(G) the disposition of a referral to the Department of Mental Health, by race, including whether the individual was referred for mental health or substance misuse services, regardless of whether action was taken by the Department or the individual was referred to another State agency.

(2) The Director shall also examine and make recommendations regarding how to store data securely and make aggregated data available to the public.

(c) On or before September 1, 2021, the Director shall report the recommendations developed pursuant to this section to the House Committee

on Health Care and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, including the extent to which the information collected may inform the data available through the dashboard established pursuant to Sec. B.1121(d)(4)(A) of this act.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Clarkson, Brock, Hooker, Sirotkin and Westman moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment by inserting a reader assistance heading and Secs. E.237.1 and E.237.2 to read as follows:

* * * Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses * * *

Sec. E.237.1. 7 V.S.A. § 205 is amended to read:

§ 205. TERMS OF PERMITS, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATES

(a) All permits, licenses, and certificates shall expire ~~midnight, April 30, of each~~ one year after the date of issuance.

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Sec. E.237.2. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; STAGGERED LICENSE RENEWAL

The Department of Liquor and Lottery may extend the expiration date and stagger the issuance or renewal of permits, licenses, and certificates that are set to expire in the years 2020 and 2021. Permits, licenses, and certificates that are renewed on April 30, 2020 shall remain valid for one year or until a later renewal date designated by the Department.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Rules Suspended; Bills Messaged

On motion of Senator Ashe, the rules were suspended, and the following bills were ordered messaged to the House forthwith:

H. 674, H. 969.

Message from the House No. 80

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 352. An act relating to making certain amendments to the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program.

S. 353. An act relating to expanding the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to the following House bill:

H. 663. An act relating to expanding access to contraceptives.

And has severally concurred therein with a further proposal of amendment thereto, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Message from the House No. 81

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered the report of the Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill of the following title:

S. 54. An act relating to the regulation of cannabis.

And has adopted the same on its part.

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to the following House bill:

H. 962. An act relating to the duration of temporary relief from abuse orders.

And has severally concurred therein.

The House has considered the Governor's veto on House bill of the following title:

H. 688. An act relating to addressing climate change.

And has passed the same, the refusal of the Governor to approve notwithstanding.

Message from the House No. 82

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 325. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Brattleboro Union High School Colonels Division II championship football team.

H.C.R. 326. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day and honoring Melinda Vieux for her superb organizational leadership.

H.C.R. 327. House concurrent resolution honoring former Georgia Conservation Commission Chair Kent Henderson for his outstanding municipal public service.

H.C.R. 328. House concurrent resolution honoring former Montpelier Police Chief Anthony John Facos for 33 years of dedicated municipal public service.

H.C.R. 329. House concurrent resolution celebrating the centennial of universal women's suffrage and General Assembly membership.

H.C.R. 330. House concurrent resolution congratulating Marjorie Adeline (Brown) LaValley on her 100th birthday.

H.C.R. 331. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jennifer H. Wood as the 2020 Vermont winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

H.C.R. 332. House concurrent resolution honoring Brattleboro Justice of the Peace Elliott C. Greenblott for his civic and community leadership.

H.C.R. 333. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Essex on being certified as one of Vermont's first two Quality Youth Development Communities.

H.C.R. 335. House concurrent resolution honoring François Clemmons on his exemplary musical and theatrical career.

H.C.R. 336. House concurrent resolution in memory of James Bernard Reardon of Essex.

H.C.R. 337. House concurrent resolution designating October 6, 2020 as Vermont Mask Day.

H.C.R. 338. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State employees who have performed their duties in a professional and exemplary manner during the COVID-19 pandemic.

H.C.R. 339. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Pioneers on winning the 2019 Empire State Sled Hockey Championship.

H.C.R. 340. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Colchester All-Stars on winning the 2020 Vermont State Little League Baseball championship.

H.C.R. 341. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Poultney High School Blue Devils Division III championship football team.

H.C.R. 342. House concurrent resolution honoring Curtis Tuff of Putney and his Curtis' All American BARBQ.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By Reps. Burke and others,

H.C.R. 325.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Brattleboro Union High School Colonels Division II championship football team.

By Rep. Ancel,

H.C.R. 326.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day and honoring Melinda Vieux for her superb organizational leadership.

By Rep. Rosenquist,

H.C.R. 327.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Georgia Conservation Commission Chair Kent Henderson for his outstanding municipal public service.

By Reps. Kitzmiller and Hooper,

H.C.R. 328.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Montpelier Police Chief Anthony John Facos for 33 years of dedicated municipal public service.

By All Members of the House,

H.C.R. 329.

House concurrent resolution celebrating the centennial of universal women's suffrage and General Assembly membership.

By Rep. Quimby,

H.C.R. 330.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marjorie Adeline (Brown) LaValley on her 100th birthday.

By Reps. Quimby and others,

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

H.C.R. 331.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jennifer H. Wood as the 2020 Vermont winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

By Reps. Burke and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

H.C.R. 332.

House concurrent resolution honoring Brattleboro Justice of the Peace Elliott C. Greenblott for his civic and community leadership.

By Reps. Giambatista and others,

H.C.R. 333.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Essex on being certified as one of Vermont's first two Quality Youth Development Communities.

By Reps. Scheu and others,

H.C.R. 335.

House concurrent resolution honoring François Clemmons on his exemplary musical and theatrical career.

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 336.

House concurrent resolution in memory of James Bernard Reardon of Essex.

By Reps. Webb and others,

H.C.R. 337.

House concurrent resolution designating October 6, 2020 as Vermont Mask Day.

By Reps. Hooper and others,

H.C.R. 338.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State employees who have performed their duties in a professional and exemplary manner during the COVID-19 pandemic.

By Reps. Dolan and others,

H.C.R. 339.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Pioneers on winning the 2019 Empire State Sled Hockey Championship.

By Reps. Austin and others,

By Senator Mazza,

H.C.R. 340.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Colchester All-Stars on winning the 2020 Vermont State Little League Baseball championship.

By Rep. McCoy,

H.C.R. 341.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Poultney High School Blue Devils Division III championship football team.

By Reps. Mrowicki and Hashim,

By Senators White and Balint,

H.C.R. 342.

House concurrent resolution honoring Curtis Tuff of Putney and his Curtis' All American BARBQ.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.