

House Calendar

Thursday, February 18, 2021

44th DAY OF THE BIENNIAL SESSION

House Convenes at 1:15 PM

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Favorable with Amendment

H. 89

An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

Rep. Surprenant of Barnard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

In Sec. 1, 12 V.S.A. § 5871, definitions, as follows:

First: By striking out subdivision (1), agricultural fair, in its entirety.

Second: By striking out subdivision (2)(A) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1)(A) “Agritourism activity” means an interactive or passive activity that is carried out for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes on a farm and includes farming, food production, historical, cultural, pick-your-own, and nature-based activities.

Third: By renumbering the remaining subdivisions to be numerically correct.

(Committee Vote: 8-0-0)

Favorable

S. 14

An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury, for the Committee on General; Housing; and Military Affairs, recommends that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

(For text see Senate Journal January 26, 2021)

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should

be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar.

H.C.R. 18

House concurrent resolution in memory of Cynthia M. (Peterson) Eastman

H.C.R. 19

House concurrent resolution congratulating Megan Nick of Shelburne on her victories in the 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup competition

Information Notice

Notice of JFO Grants and Positions

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

JFO #3030 - \$450,000 to the VT Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living from the Kessler Foundation. Funds will be used to support the expansion or re-designation of current positions in the Department and to create three (3) limited service positions to assist Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries to transition to self-sustaining employment. The request includes one (1) Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits Counselor and two (2) Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor II to complete the work. **[NOTE: Kessler grant funds will support 70% of the VR Benefit Counselor position and 21% of the VR Counselor II positions. The remaining balance will be covered by VR federal funds.]** *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

JFO #3031 - \$450,000 to the Department of Public Safety from the Office of Justice Programs for the services and support for victims in the immediate aftermath and during the investigation of a crime. The grant will fully fund one (1) limited-service position, Victim Services Specialist, to provide these services through 9/30/2023 and will also cover \$15,417 in indirect departmental costs. *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

JFO #3032 - \$206,394 to the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation from the United States Climate Alliance, United Nations Fund, for one (1) limited service position, Environmental Analyst VII, to serve in a leadership role in advancing Vermont's climate mitigation priorities. Position to be funded through 9/30/22. *[JFO received 1/25/2021]*

JFO #3033 - One (1) limited service position, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, to the VT. Dept of Public Safety to support information sharing and analysis to prevent and prepare for hazards and threats. Funds from the US Dept. of Homeland Security from previously awarded JFO Grant #2212. *[JFO received 1/27/2021]*

JFO #3034 - \$200,000,000 to the VT Agency of Administration from the US Dept. of the Treasury, Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The funds will be used to assist eligible households that have difficulty making timely payments of rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Included in the funding are five (5) limited service positions to administer this sizable grant program. *[JFO received 2/3/2021]*

JFO #3035 - \$550,749 to the VT Agency of Human Services from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to enhance and coordinate healthy aging efforts within the ‘Healthy Brain Initiative’ framework. Funds will be used to develop systemic public health approaches to improve the public health approach to Alzheimer’s and related dementias and decrease preventable hospitalizations among Vermonters 65 and older with Alzheimer’s and related dementias. Two (2) limited service positions: One (1) Public Health Program Administrator and one (1) Public Health Analyst II to administer the program. *[JFO received 2/4/2021]*

Joint Assembly

Thursday, February 18, 10:30 AM – House Chamber - Election of a Sergeant at Arms, of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and of three (3) trustees for the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Candidates for the positions of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and legislative candidates for UVM trustees must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** of their candidacies not later than February 11, 2021, by 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

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.