

House Calendar

Friday, February 19, 2021

45th DAY OF THE BIENNIAL SESSION

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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 for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16a

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 today’s adjournment. 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 February 18, 2021.

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

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*]

JFO #3036 - \$3,800,000 to the VT Dept of Health from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to increase and sustain the public health approach to suicide prevention. This grant includes funding for three (3) limited service positions. Two (2) positions in the Dept of Health: Public Health Programs Administrator and Public Health Analyst II. One (1) position in the Dept of Mental Health: Marketing and Outreach Coordinator. Grant amount is \$760,000 per year for 5 years. [*JFO received 2/16/2021*]

JFO #3037 - \$135,000 to the VT Dept of Mental Health from Vibrant Emotional Health for the development of the 988-implementation plan to ensure compliance with the federal mandate for universal access to suicide and prevention services by July 16, 2022. [*Note: One (1) limited service position is included within JFO #3036.*] [*JFO received 2/16/2021*]