

# Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotion.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Page Burke Donovan of St. Johnsbury led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Message from the Senate No. 21

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Gradel, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 46.** Joint resolution regarding weekend adjournment on February 23, 2024.

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

## Committee Bill Introduced

### H. 861

By the Committee on Health Care,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reimbursement parity for health care services delivered in person, by telemedicine, and by audio-only telephone

Was read the first time, and pursuant to House Rule 48, placed on the Notice Calendar.

## Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

### H. 645

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the expansion of approaches to restorative justice

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**

**H. 543**

**Rep. Cina of Burlington**, for the Committee on Health Care, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Social Work Licensure Compact

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

In Sec. 2, effective date, by striking out "2024" and inserting in lieu thereof "2025"

**Rep. Andrews of Westford**, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommended that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Health Care and further amended as follows:

First: By inserting a new Sec. 2 before the existing Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 123 is amended to read:

§ 123. DUTIES OF OFFICE

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(j)(1) The Office may inquire into the criminal background histories of applicants for initial licensure and for license renewal of any Office-issued credential, including a license, certification, registration, or specialty designation for the following professions:

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(I) speech-language pathologists licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 87; ~~and~~

(J) social workers licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 61; and

(K) individuals registered on the roster of psychotherapists who are nonlicensed and noncertified.

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and by renumbering the existing Sec. 2 to be Sec. 3

Second: In the newly renumbered Sec. 3, effective date, by striking out "July 1, 2025" and inserting in lieu thereof "passage"

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**Rep. Toleno of Brattleboro**, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported in favor of its passage when amended as recommended by the Committee on Health Care and when further amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the Committee on Health Care agreed to, the report of the Committee on Ways and Means agreed to, and third reading ordered.

#### **Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and thirty-three minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.