

Summary of H.125

* * * Government Accountability Committee * * *

Sec. 1. REPEAL OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Sec. 2. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

- “It is the intent of the General Assembly that the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations should reexamine the principle of government accountability with a focus on how evidence is used to inform policy, how information is publicly conveyed, and the Committees should propose statutory amendments as needed to accomplish these goals.”

* * * State Boards and Commissions Registry * * *

Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 116a is amended to read:

§ 116a. STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REGISTRY

- Revision from Tanya Marshall, State Archivist & Chief Records Officer.

* * * Vermont Pension Investment Commission * * *

Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. § 522 is amended to read:

§ 522. VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION

- Amendments made to make Commission more independent from the Treasurer.

* * * Repeal of Agricultural Finance Program Advisory Panel * * *

Sec. 5. 10 V.S.A. § 213 is amended to read:

* * * Repeals of Coalition for Healthy Activity, Motivation, and Prevention Programs (CHAMPPS) and Fit and Healthy Advisory Council * * *

Sec. 6. REPEAL OF COALITION FOR HEALTHY ACTIVITY, MOTIVATION, AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS (CHAMPPS)/FIT AND HEALTHY ADVISORY COUNCIL

* * * Repeal of Birth Information Network Advisory Committee * * *

Sec. 7. 18 V.S.A. chapter 20 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 20. BIRTH INFORMATION NETWORK

* * * Repeal of Board of Health; Conforming Revisions * * *

Sec.s 8 – 131, ~75 pages. Replaces references to the Board with either the Commissioner or Department of Health.

- Transfer of rulemaking authority is in Sec. 131, pg. 81.
- Sec. 117 (amending 18 V.S.A. § 4234) shall take effect on July 2, 2023 because there is pending amendment language that will become effective on July 1, 2023.

* * * Prospective Repeal of Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel * * *

Sec. 132. PROSPECTIVE REPEAL OF NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING CITIZENS
ADVISORY PANEL

- To be repealed on January 1, 2030.

* * * Repeal of Vermont Prescription Drug Advisory Council * * *

Sec. 133. REPEAL OF VERMONT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVISORY COUNCIL

* * * Vermont Employment Security Board * * *

Sec. 134. 21 V.S.A. § 1302 is amended

- Adjusted membership.

* * * Repeal of Natural Gas and Oil Resources Board and Statutory Framework * * *

Sec. 135. 29 V.S.A. chapter 14

- Only one Sec., but runs 44 pages. pp.83-127
- Repeals all but prohibition language for hydraulic fracturing in the State in §571, p.127.
- Kept in all the struck-through language to emphasize to legislators the potential significance of what is being removed and, in which case, to spark review and replacement of these sections.

* * * Repeal of Review Board on Retail Sales * * *

Sec. 136. REPEAL OF REVIEW BOARD ON RETAIL SALES

* * * Prospective Repeal of Clean Energy Development Board * * *

Sec. 137. 30 V.S.A. § 8015 is amended to read:

§ 8015. VERMONT CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT FUND

- Will not become effective until June 30, 2025, sunset date for this board.

* * * Repeal of Vermont Telecommunications Authority * * *

Sec. 138. REPEAL OF VERMONT TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AUTHORITY

* * * Repeal and Transfer of Duties of Private Activity Bond Advisory Committee * * *

Sec. 139. 32 V.S.A. § 994 is amended to read:

- Authority transferred to the Treasurer (in coordination with the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, and any bond issuing authority of the State or instrumentality of the State that is eligible to issue private activity bonds)

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 140. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that Sec. 117 (amending 18 V.S.A. § 4234) shall take effect on July 2, 2023 [because there is pending amendment language that will become effective on July 1, 2023] and Sec. 137 (amending 30 V.S.A. § 8015), shall take effect on June 30, 2025 [sunset date for this board].