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## **Office of Professional Regulation**

The Office of Professional Regulation, commonly known as "OPR," is a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. Our mission is to protect the public from incompetent or unethical practitioners through a system of licensure. We achieve this by supporting boards and advisor groups that oversee licensure of 51 professions (such as architects and tattooists) and approximately 80,000 licensees.

### 2023-2024 Session

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Sen. Russ Ingalls, Chair

Sen. Wendy Harrison, Vice

Sen. Dick Mazza

Sen. Brian Collamore

Sen. Irene Wrenner, Clerk

Linda Leehman, Committee Assistant

Information for Witnesses

# Senate Committee on Institutions

(Room 7)

The Senate Committee on Institutions has jurisdiction over matters relating to public buildings, lands in which the State has an interest, and the Department of Corrections.

Schedule

Week of January 14 Agenda

Previous Meetings

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Bills in/out of Committee

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### WEEK OF MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

- Wednesday, January 17, 2024
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024

### WEEK OF MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

- Thursday, January 11, 2024
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024

WEEK OF MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

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- Drafting Technician
- Committee Assistant
- Supervisor of Committee Services
- Deputy Director of Operations





Representatives





BILL INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING

Any legislator from either the House or Senate can sponsor

a bill to amend Vermont law. The bill is assigned a number

and then introduced on the floor of the sponsor's chamber

during first reading.

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OTHER CHAMBER CONSIDERATION After passage in one chamber, the bill remains in that chamber for one

legislative day and then the bill - as it passed the first chamber - goes

through the same process in the other chamber. If the second chamber

proposes any amendments, the bill must go back to the first chamber so it

an consider those proposed amendments, and the first chamber may agree

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE If the two chambers are unable to agree on the bill or the proposed

amendments, a committee of conference may be appointed in which

three members of each chamber will attempt to reach agreement on a

final version — called a committee of conference report — which is

then submitted to both chambers for approval. The chambers

cannot amend the committee of conference report and will adopt or

reject it by majority vote

### Announcements Guard 101: Vermont National Guard Legislative Orientation Briefing

House Short-Form Bill Final Approval Deadline; House Rule 40(b)(3) on the Guard and its role in the State. Meetings will be held at noo House Committee-Bill Final Approval Deadline in Pavillon Room 263 on the following (except Appropriations and Ways & Means); House Rule 40(c)

New Year's Day - Holiday

Presidents' Day - Holiday

Town Meeting Break

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Holiday

First Day of Session



### BILL REFERRAL

Upon first reading, the bill is referred to a standing committee of the chamber based on the bill's subject matter. The bill may be subsequently committed to other committees based on its subject matter.



Third reading happens the legislative day after second reading and it is another chance for members of the chamber to propose amendments and debate the bill. After voting on any amendments and then reading the bill a third time, the chamber votes by majority vote on whether the bill should pass.



### GOVERNOR'S CONSIDERATION

If both chambers agree on a final version of the bill, the bill passes and it is sent to the Governor who normally will sign it into law, allow it to become law without his or her signature, or veto it. If the bill is vetoed, the House and Senate may override the veto by a two-thirds vote in each chamber.



### COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

If the committee decides to pursue the bill, the committee may take testimony on and recommend amendments to it. Committee votes on any amendments and whether to pass the bill out of committee are taken by majority vote.



After it is voted out of committee, the bill is sent to the chamber floor for second reading. A member of a committee to which the bill was referred or committed and considered will report the committee's recommendations; members of the chamber may propose amendments to the bill or to a committee's recommended amendments; and the bill and any amendments are debated. The chamber will take majority votes on any amendments and whether to read the bill a third time.



Once the Governor signs the bill into law or allows it to become law without his or her signature, or if the chambers successfully override the Governor's veto, the bill becomes an official law of Vermont and is assigned an act number.

### ess, see "Vermont's Legislative Process" by the Clerk of the House, http://www.leg.state.vt.us/HouseClerk/Vermont%20Legislative%20Process.htm



House Standard-Form Bill Request Deadline; House Rule 40(b)(1)(A)

Joint Assembly to Receive State-of-the-State Message of Governor (2 p.m.)

House Standard-Form Bill Final Approval Deadline; House Rule 40(b)(1)(C)

Joint Assembly to Receive Budget Message of Governor (1 p.m.)

House Short-Form Bill Request Deadline; House Rule 40(b)(3)

2024 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

House Standard-Form Bill Change-Request Deadline; House Rule 40(b)(1)(B) December 29, 2023

January 1, 2024

January 3, 2024

January 4, 2024

January 10, 2024

January 15, 2024

January 23, 2024

February 15, 2024

February 19, 2024

March 4 to 8, 2024

March 15, 2024

115 State Street Montpelier, VT 05633-5301



Sen. Russ Ingalls, Chat Sen. Wendy Harrison, Vice Chair Sen. Dick Mazza

### Senate Committee on Institutions

### AGENDA

### Room 7 and Zoom

January 16, 2024 - January 19, 2024 Last Updated 1/16/2024 8:21 AM

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are livestreamed at

https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-institutions

### Tuesday, January 16, 2024

1:15 PM

**Building and General Services Update** 

Capital Bill Construction Projects FY 24-25

Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services Joseph Aja, Director Design & Construction, Department of Buildings and General

3:00 PM Committee Adjourn

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 1:00 PM

15 minutes after Senate adjourns Flood Recovery/Relief

Doug Farnham, Chief Recovery Officer, Agency of Administration (1:30 PM)





# Sergeant at Arms

The Sergeant at Arms of the Vermont State House is elected by the members of the Legislature and plays an integral role in maintaining order and decorum in the building. In addition to various ceremonial duties, the Sergeant at Arms' Office is responsible for assigning meeting rooms, taking/delivering messages for Legislators, running the Legislative Page program, supervising custodial staff, and operating the Capitol Police Department.



