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ACTION CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

H. 512

An act relating to the regulation of the event ticketing market

Rep. Carris Duncan of Whitingham, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 2B is added to read:

Subchapter 2B. Event Tickets

§ 2479f. RESALE OF EVENT TICKETS

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Price” means the total amount paid or to be paid for a ticket, including all taxes, fees, and charges. Price does not include actual shipping costs.

(2) “Resale” means the second or subsequent sale of a ticket by any method, including in-person transactions, telephone, mail, email, facsimile, or electronic means through websites or mobile phone applications.

(3) “Reseller” means a person engaged in the resale of tickets.

(4) “Secondary ticket exchange” means an electronic marketplace enabling the sale, purchase, and resale of tickets.

(5) “Speculative ticket” means a ticket not in the actual or constructive possession of the reseller at the time of listing, sale, or advertisement. This includes tickets not owned by the reseller or under contract to be transferred to the reseller at the time of sale.

(6) “Ticket” means any form of physical, electronic, or other evidence that grants the possessor of the evidence license to enter a place of entertainment for one or more events at a specified date and time.

(7) “Ticket issuer” means a person or entity that issues tickets for initial sale, including musicians, venues, promoters, theater companies, marketplaces for initial purchases, or their agents.

(b) Notice requirement.

(1) A person operating a secondary ticket exchange shall provide a statement in a clear and conspicuous manner informing any customer:

(A) whether the customer is purchasing the ticket from a ticket issuer or a reseller as the case may be; and

(B) that the resale price of the ticket is limited by subsection (c) of this section.

(2) If a secondary ticket exchange provides information about the number or percentage of available tickets for a given event, the information shall not mislead customers about the availability of tickets on that platform or on other platforms.

(c) Price cap on the resale of event tickets.

(1) A ticket reseller shall not sell or offer for sale a ticket at a price greater than 110 percent of the price of an original ticket.

(2) A secondary ticket exchange shall not authorize for resale on the exchange a ticket for a price at greater than 110 percent of the price of an original ticket.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to the resale of a ticket if the reseller has a written contract with the ticket issuer for the resale of tickets at a price greater than 110 percent of the price of the original ticket.

(d) Ban on deceptive URLs and improper use of intellectual property. It shall be unlawful for a secondary ticket exchange, reseller, or the operator of any website purporting to sell or offer for sale event tickets that links or redirects to a secondary ticket exchange or reseller to:

(1) use deceptive website addresses or imply endorsement or ownership of any intellectual property of the venue or artist without explicit written authorization of the venue or artist; or

(2) state or imply that the secondary ticket exchange, reseller, or website is affiliated with or endorsed by a venue, team, or artist, including by using words such as “official” in promotional materials, social media promotions, search engine optimization, paid advertising, URLs, or search engine monetization, unless the secondary ticket exchange, reseller, or website has the express written consent of the venue, team, or artist.

(e) Prohibition on speculative ticket sales. A reseller shall not sell or offer for sale speculative tickets.

(f) Violations. A person that violates a provision of this section commits an unfair and deceptive act in commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 545

An act relating to issuing immunization recommendations

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Effective on Passage until July 1, 2031: Commissioner of Health's
Immunization Recommendations * * *

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1130 is amended to read:

§ 1130. IMMUNIZATION FUNDING

(a) As used in this section:

* * *

(4) "Immunizations Recommended immunization" means vaccines a vaccine or other immunizing agent that provides protection against a particular disease or pathogen and the application of the vaccines immunization as recommended by the practice guidelines for children and adults established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Commissioner pursuant to section 1130a of this title.

* * *

(b)(1) The Department of ~~Health~~ shall administer an immunization program with the goals of ensuring universal access to vaccines recommended immunizations for all Vermonters at no charge to the individual and reducing the cost at which the State may purchase vaccines recommended immunizations. The Department shall purchase, provide for the distribution of, and monitor the use of vaccines recommended immunizations as provided for in this subsection and subsection (c) of this section. The cost of the vaccines recommended immunizations and an administrative surcharge shall

be reimbursed by health insurers as provided for in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

(2) The Department shall solicit, facilitate, and supervise the participation of health care professionals, health care facilities, and health insurers in the immunization program in order to accomplish the State's goal of universal access to recommended immunizations at the lowest practicable cost to individuals, insurers, and State health care programs.

(3) The Department shall gather and analyze data regarding the immunization program for the purpose of ensuring its quality and maximizing protection of Vermonters against diseases preventable by ~~vaccination~~ immunization.

(c) The Department shall determine which recommended immunizations shall be purchased under the program. The immunization program shall purchase ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations consistent with the goals of the program from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or another vendor at the lowest available cost. ~~The Department shall determine annually which vaccines for adults shall be purchased under the program.~~

(d) The immunization program shall provide for distribution of the ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations to health care professionals and health care facilities for administration to patients.

(e) Health insurers shall remit to the Department the cost of ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations, as established by the Commissioner of Health based on the recommendation of the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee established in subsection (g) of this section.

(f) The Department shall charge each health insurer a surcharge for the costs and administration of the immunization program. The surcharge shall be deposited into an existing special fund and used solely for the purpose of administering the program.

(g)(1) The Immunization Funding Advisory Committee is established to provide the Commissioner of Health with an annual per-member per-month cost for ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations for the pediatric population, an annual per-member per-month cost for ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations for the adult population, and a recommendation for the amount of the yearly ~~vaccine~~ immunization assessment. The Committee shall comprise the following nine members:

(A) the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy or designee;

(B) the Executive Director of the Green Mountain Care Board or designee;

(C) a representative, appointed by the Director of the Vermont Blueprint for Health, ~~nominated by the Director of the Blueprint and appointed by the Commissioner of Health~~;

(D) three representatives of health insurers, one ~~from each of each~~ appointed by the State's largest three private health insurers, as determined by the number of covered lives, ~~appointed by the Commissioner of Health~~;

(E) a representative, appointed by the Vermont chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, ~~Vermont chapter, appointed by the Commissioner of Health~~;

(F) a representative, appointed by the Vermont chapter of the American Academy of Family Medicine, ~~Vermont chapter, appointed by the Commissioner of Health~~; and

(G) a representative of employers that self-insure for health coverage, appointed by the Commissioner of Health.

(2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting of each calendar year. The Committee shall receive administrative and technical support from the Department ~~of Health~~.

(3) ~~By~~ On or before January 1 of each year, the Committee shall provide to the Commissioner the annual fiscal assessment and the per-member per-month cost for pediatric ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations based on the total number of pediatric covered lives reported by health insurers and the per-member per-month cost for adult ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations based on the total number of adult covered lives reported by health insurers.

(h) If ~~federal~~ purchase requirements do not further the goal of ensuring universal access to ~~vaccines~~ recommended immunizations for all, the Commissioner may, following consultation with the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee, discontinue the program with six months' advance notice to all health care professionals and to all health insurers with Vermont covered lives.

(i) The Department may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement this section.

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 1130a is added to read:

§ 1130a. RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS

(a) The Commissioner shall periodically issue recommendations regarding:

(1) which immunizations children and adults are recommended to receive;

(2) the age at which each immunization is recommended to be given;

(3) the number of immunization doses that are recommended to be administered;

(4) the recommended amount of time between doses of an immunization; and

(5) any other recommendations regarding immunizations necessary to promote the maintenance of public health and disease prevention in the State.

(b) Prior to issuing recommendations under subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner shall:

(1) consult with the Vermont Immunization Advisory Council, established under section 1131 of this title; and

(2) consider recommendations for immunizations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American College of Physicians (ACP), and any other organizations the Commissioner may deem necessary.

(c) A health care professional who prescribes, dispenses, or administers an immunization in accordance with the recommendations issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be immune from civil and administrative liability for immunization-caused adverse events, unless the health care professional's actions regarding prescribing, dispensing, or administering an immunization constituted gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct.

(d) The Commissioner may issue a standing order authorizing health care professionals, including pharmacists, to prescribe, dispense, or administer recommended immunizations, or any combination thereof, to the extent that prescribing, dispensing, or administering recommended immunizations is within the scope of the health care professional's practice.

(e)(1) The Department shall prominently display information pertaining to recommended immunizations and other relevant information on its website, including how to access recommended immunizations.

(2) Any documents produced by the Department about the recommended immunizations shall include a disclosure if the recommended immunizations differ from the recommendations of the Vermont Immunization Advisory Council.

(f) As used in this section, “health care professional” and “recommended immunization” have the same meanings as in section 1130 of this title.

Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 1131 is amended to read:

§ 1131. VERMONT IMMUNIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

(a) Creation. There is created the Vermont Immunization Advisory Council for the purpose of providing education policy, medical, and epidemiological expertise and advice to the Department with regard to the safety of immunizations and immunization schedules.

(b) Membership. The Council shall be composed of the following members:

~~(1) a representative the executive officer of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, appointed by the Governor or designee;~~

~~(2) the Secretaries Secretary of Human Services and of or designee;~~

~~(3) the Secretary of Education or their designees designee;~~

~~(3)(4) a representative of public schools, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(4)(5) the State epidemiologist Epidemiologist or designee;~~

~~(6) the Department of Health’s Immunization Program Manager or designee;~~

~~(7) a practicing pediatrician, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(8) two individuals who are professors, researchers, or physicians, or any combination of these individuals, with expertise in infectious disease and human immunizations, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(9) a family or internal medicine physician, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(5)(10) a representative of both public and independent schools, appointed by the Governor; and practicing advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(11) a practicing pharmacist licensed pursuant 26 V.S.A. chapter 36, appointed by the Governor; and~~

~~(6)(12) any other persons deemed necessary by the Commissioner.~~

(c) ~~Powers and duties Duties.~~

(1) The Council shall:

~~(1)(A) review and make recommendations regarding the State’s immunization schedule for attendance in schools and child care facilities; and~~

~~(2)(B)~~ provide any other advice and expertise requested by the Commissioner, including advice regarding recommended immunizations as defined in section 1130 of this title.

(2) The Secretary of Education or designee and representative of public schools shall not vote on advice regarding recommended immunizations as defined in section 1130 of this title.

(d) Assistance. The Council shall have the administrative, and technical, ~~and legal~~ assistance of the Department.

(e) Meetings.

(1) The Council shall convene at the call of the Commissioner, but ~~no~~ not less than once each year.

(2) The Council shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting who shall not be the Commissioner.

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

* * * Effective on Passage until July 1, 2031: Insurance Coverage for Commissioner of Health’s Recommended Immunizations * * *

Sec. 4. 8 V.S.A. § 4042 is amended to read:

§ 4042. GROUP INSURANCE POLICIES; REQUIRED POLICY PROVISIONS

* * *

(b) Protections for covered individuals.

* * *

(4) No cost sharing for preventive services.

(A) A group insurance policy shall not impose any co-payment, coinsurance, or deductible requirements for:

* * *

(ii) recommended immunizations for routine use in children, adolescents, and adults that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to the individual involved as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130;

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Sec. 5. 33 V.S.A. § 1811 is amended to read:

§ 1811. HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL EMPLOYERS

* * *

(d)(1) Guaranteed issue.

* * *

(5)(A) No cost sharing for preventive services. A health benefit plan shall not impose any co-payment, coinsurance, or deductible requirements for:

* * *

(ii) ~~recommended immunizations for routine use in children, adolescents, and adults that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to the individual involved as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130;~~

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* * * Effective on Passage until July 1, 2031: Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Authority under the Commissioner of Health's Immunization Recommendations * * *

Sec. 6. 26 V.S.A. § 2023 is amended to read:

§ 2023. CLINICAL PHARMACY; PRESCRIBING

* * *

(b) A pharmacist may prescribe in the following contexts:

* * *

(2) State protocol.

(A) A pharmacist may prescribe, order, or administer in a manner consistent with valid State protocols that are approved by the Commissioner of Health after consultation with the Director of Professional Regulation and the Board and the ability for public comment:

(i) opioid antagonists;

(ii) epinephrine auto-injectors;

(iii) tobacco cessation products;

(iv) tuberculin purified protein derivative products;

(v) self-administered hormonal contraceptives, including subcutaneous depot medroxyprogesterone acetate;

(vi) dietary fluoride supplements;

(vii) recommended immunizations as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130 for patients 18 years of age or older, vaccinations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and administered consistently with the ACIP-approved immunization schedules, as may be amended from time to time;

(viii) for patients five years of age or older, influenza vaccine immunization, COVID-19 vaccine immunization, and subsequent formulations or combination products thereof consistent with the recommendations established in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 1130a;

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Sec. 7. 26 V.S.A. § 2042a is amended to read:

§ 2042a. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS; QUALIFICATIONS FOR
REGISTRATION

* * *

(c) Pharmacy technicians shall only administer immunizations:

(1) when a licensed pharmacist who is trained to immunize is present and able to assist with the immunization, as needed;

(2) pursuant to:

(A) a valid prescription by a practitioner;

(B) a standing order made by the Commissioner of Health; or

(C) a protocol approved by the Commissioner of Health under subdivision 2023(b)(2)(A) of this title; and

(3) to patients:

(A) 18 years of age or older, as established in subdivision 2023(b)(2)(A)(vii) and the resulting State protocol; and

(2)(B) to patients five years of age or older, seeking an influenza vaccine immunization, COVID-19 vaccine immunization, and subsequent formulations or combination products thereof, in accordance with subdivision 2023(b)(2)(A)(viii) and the resulting State protocol;

(3) pursuant to the schedules and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendations for the administration of immunizations, as those recommendations may be updated from time to time; and

~~(4) when a licensed pharmacist who is trained to immunize is present and able to assist with the immunization, as needed.~~

(d) Pharmacy technicians shall administer only those immunizations that:

~~(1) are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); and~~

~~(2) licensed pharmacists are permitted to administer under the State clinical pharmacy protocol, as established in subdivision 2023(b)(2) of this title.~~

(e) Pharmacy technicians performing COVID-19 tests shall do so only:

(1) when a licensed pharmacist who is trained to perform COVID-19 tests is present and able to assist with the test, as needed;

(2) in accordance with a State protocol adopted under subdivision 2023(b)(2)(A)(x) of this title; and

(3) in accordance with rules adopted by the Board.

~~(f)~~(e) The Board may adopt rules regarding the administration of immunizations and the performance of COVID-19 tests by pharmacy technicians.

* * * Effective on July 1, 2031: Restoring Certain Immunization Recommendation Processes * * *

Sec. 8. 18 V.S.A. § 1130 is amended to read:

§ 1130. IMMUNIZATION FUNDING

(a) As used in this section:

* * *

(4) "~~Recommended immunization~~ Immunization" means a vaccine or other immunizing agent that provides protection against a particular disease or pathogen and the application of the immunizations as recommended by the practice guidelines for children and adults established by the ~~Commissioner pursuant to section 1130a of this title~~ Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

* * *

(b)(1) The Department of Health shall administer an immunization program with the goals of ensuring universal access to ~~recommended~~ immunizations at no charge to the individual and reducing the cost at which the State may purchase ~~recommended~~ immunizations. The Department shall purchase, provide for the distribution of, and monitor the use of ~~recommended~~

immunizations as provided for in this subsection and subsection (c) of this section. The cost of the ~~recommended~~ immunizations and an administrative surcharge shall be reimbursed by health insurers as provided for in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

(2) The Department shall solicit, facilitate, and supervise the participation of health care professionals, health care facilities, and health insurers in the immunization program in order to accomplish the State's goal of universal access to ~~recommended~~ immunizations at the lowest practicable cost to individuals, insurers, and State health care programs.

(3) The Department shall gather and analyze data regarding the immunization program for the purpose of ensuring its quality and maximizing protection of Vermonters against diseases preventable by immunization.

~~(c) The Department shall determine which recommended immunizations shall be purchased under the program.~~ The immunization program shall purchase ~~recommended~~ immunizations consistent with the goals of the program from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or another vendor at the lowest available cost. The Department shall determine annually which immunizations for adults shall be purchased under the program.

(d) The immunization program shall provide for distribution of the ~~recommended~~ immunizations to health care professionals and health care facilities for administration to patients.

(e) Health insurers shall remit to the Department the cost of ~~recommended~~ immunizations, as established by the Commissioner based on the recommendation of the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee established in subsection (g) of this section.

(f) The Department shall charge each health insurer a surcharge for the costs and administration of the immunization program. The surcharge shall be deposited into an existing special fund and used solely for the purpose of administering the program.

(g)(1) The Immunization Funding Advisory Committee is established to provide the Commissioner with an annual per-member per-month cost for ~~recommended~~ immunizations for the pediatric population, an annual per-member per-month cost for ~~recommended~~ immunizations for the adult population, and a recommendation for the amount of the yearly immunization assessment. The Committee shall comprise the following nine members:

* * *

(2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting of each calendar year. The Committee shall receive administrative and technical support from the Department.

(3) On or before January 1 of each year, the Committee shall provide to the Commissioner the annual fiscal assessment and the per-member per-month cost for pediatric ~~recommended~~ immunizations based on the total number of pediatric covered lives reported by health insurers and the per-member per-month cost for adult ~~recommended~~ immunizations based on the total number of adult covered lives reported by health insurers.

(h) If federal purchase requirements do not further the goal of ensuring universal access to ~~recommended~~ immunizations for all, the Commissioner may, following consultation with the Immunization Funding Advisory Committee, discontinue the program with six months' advance notice to all health care professionals and to all health insurers with Vermont covered lives.

(i) The Department may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to implement this section.

Sec. 9. 18 V.S.A. § 1131 is amended to read:

§ 1131. VERMONT IMMUNIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

(a) Creation. There is created the Vermont Immunization Advisory Council for the purpose of providing education policy, medical, and epidemiological expertise and advice to the Department with regard to the safety of immunizations and immunization schedules.

* * *

(c) Duties.

(4) The Council shall:

~~(A)(1)~~ review and make recommendations regarding the State's immunization schedule for attendance in schools and child care facilities; and

~~(B)(2)~~ provide any other advice and expertise requested by the Commissioner, ~~including advice regarding recommended immunizations as defined in section 1130 of this title.~~

~~(2) The Secretary of Education or designee and representative of public schools shall not vote on advice regarding recommended immunizations as defined in section 1130 of this title.~~

* * *

(e) Meetings.

(1) The Council shall convene at the call of the Commissioner, but not less than once each year.

(2) The Council shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting ~~who shall not be the Commissioner.~~

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

* * * Effective on July 1, 2031: Restoring the Current Insurance Coverage for Immunizations in Effect Prior to Passage * * *

Sec. 10. 8 V.S.A. § 4042 is amended to read:

§ 4042. GROUP INSURANCE POLICIES; REQUIRED POLICY PROVISIONS

* * *

(b) Protections for covered individuals.

* * *

(4) No cost sharing for preventive services.

(A) A group insurance policy shall not impose any co-payment, coinsurance, or deductible requirements for:

* * *

(ii) recommended immunizations as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130 for routine use in children, adolescents, and adults that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to the individual involved;

* * *

Sec. 11. 33 V.S.A. § 1811 is amended to read:

§ 1811. HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL EMPLOYERS

* * *

(d)(1) Guaranteed issue.

(A) A registered carrier shall guarantee acceptance of all individuals and their dependents for any health benefit plan offered by the carrier in the individual market, regardless of any outstanding premium amount a subscriber may owe to the carrier for coverage provided during the previous plan year.

* * *

(5)(A) No cost sharing for preventive services. A health benefit plan shall not impose any co-payment, coinsurance, or deductible requirements for:

* * *

(ii) recommended immunizations as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130 for routine use in children, adolescents, and adults that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to the individual involved;

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* * * Effective on July 1, 2031: Restoring Current Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Authority in Effect Prior to Passage * * *

Sec. 12. 26 V.S.A. § 2023 is amended to read:

§ 2023. CLINICAL PHARMACY; PRESCRIBING

* * *

(b) A pharmacist may prescribe in the following contexts:

* * *

(2) State protocol.

(A) A pharmacist may prescribe, order, or administer in a manner consistent with valid State protocols that are approved by the Commissioner of Health after consultation with the Director of Professional Regulation and the Board and the ability for public comment:

(i) opioid antagonists;

(ii) epinephrine auto-injectors;

(iii) tobacco cessation products;

(iv) tuberculin purified protein derivative products;

(v) self-administered hormonal contraceptives, including subcutaneous depot medroxyprogesterone acetate;

(vi) dietary fluoride supplements;

(vii) recommended immunizations as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 1130 for patients 18 years of age or older, vaccinations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and administered consistently with the ACIP-approved immunization schedules, as may be amended from time to time;

(viii) for patients five years of age or older, influenza ~~immunization vaccine~~, COVID-19 ~~immunization vaccine~~, and subsequent formulations or combination products thereof ~~consistent with the recommendations established in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 1130a;~~

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Sec. 13. [Deleted.]

* * * Effective on July 1, 2031: Repeal of Immunization Recommendations

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Sec. 14. REPEAL; IMMUNIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS

18 V.S.A. § 1130a (recommended immunizations) is repealed on July 1, 2031.

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section, Secs. 1–7, and Sec. 14 shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. 8–13 shall take effect on July 1, 2031.

Action Postponed Until Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Third Reading

H. 205

An act relating to agreements not to compete

Favorable with Amendment

H. 635

An act relating to eliminating Department of Corrections supervisory fees

Rep. Sweeney of Shelburne, for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions, recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

In Sec. 4, effective date, by striking out the word “passage” and inserting in lieu thereof “July 1, 2027”

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Rep. Waszazak of Barre City, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends that the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

NOTICE CALENDAR
Favorable with Amendment
H. 559

An act relating to the Parole Board

Rep. Greer of Bennington, for the Committee on Corrections and Institutions, recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 403 is amended to read:

§ 403. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER
REGARDING PAROLE

The Commissioner is charged with the following powers and responsibilities regarding the administration of parole:

* * *

(6) To provide regular training for the Parole Board, at least annually, in collaboration with the Parole Board Director and the Chair of the Parole Board, on topics related to criminogenic behavior, mental health disorders, substance use treatment, trauma-informed work with victims of crime, and serious crime rehabilitation.

Sec. 2. 28 V.S.A. § 451 is amended to read:

§ 451. CREATION OF BOARD

(a)(1) A Parole Board of ~~five~~ seven members is created. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ~~five regular~~ members and ~~two alternates~~ for terms of three years in such a manner that not more than three terms shall expire annually. Initial terms may be less than three years. Each member ~~and alternate~~ shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Governor shall designate the Board's chair.

(2) Upon notification of a vacancy, the Governor shall consult with the Parole Board Director and the Chair of the Parole Board. As far as practicable, the Governor shall appoint as members persons who have knowledge of and experience in ~~correctional treatment, crime prevention, or human relations~~ criminogenic behavior, mental health treatment, substance use disorder, or serious crime rehabilitation, and shall give consideration, as far as practicable, to geographic representation of the State and a balance of different knowledge and experience.

(3) The Board shall select one of its members to serve as Vice Chair of the Board. If the Chair resigns or is otherwise permanently unable to serve on the Board, the Vice Chair shall serve as interim chair until the Governor designates a new chair pursuant to this section. ~~The Chair or the executive director may assign alternates to serve on the Board in the absence of a regular member and such alternates shall have all the powers and authority of a regular member when so assigned.~~

(b) Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of a meeting. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 172, the concurrence of a majority of members present at a Parole Board meeting shall be necessary and sufficient for Board action.

(c) The Chair of the Parole Board shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$20,500.00 annually, effective on the first pay period in fiscal year 2006, which shall be in lieu of any per diem otherwise authorized by law. If the Vice Chair assumes the duties of the Chair for a period in excess of 30 consecutive days, the compensation otherwise payable to the Chair during ~~his or her~~ the Chair's absence shall be paid to the Vice Chair.

(d) At least annually, each member of the Parole Board shall attend trainings designated by the Parole Board Director in collaboration with the Chair of the Parole Board.

Sec. 3. 28 V.S.A. § 455 is amended to read:

§ 455. DIRECTOR

(a) The position of Parole Board Director is created. The Director shall be appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Board.

(b) The Director shall serve for a term of four years commencing on March 1 and continuing until ~~his or her~~ a successor is appointed.

(c) The Director shall be exempt from classified State service.

(d) The Secretary of Human Services, in consultation with the Parole Board and the Department of Human Resources, shall establish the minimum and preferred qualifications, duties, and compensation of the Director.

(e) The Director shall be responsible for the overall function of the Parole Board, ensuring legal compliance, developing and implementing all policies and procedures of the Board, and developing and providing training to the Board, in collaboration with the Commissioner and the Chair of the Parole Board.

Sec. 4. PAROLE BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL PILOT PROJECT

(a) There is created the Parole Board Legal Counsel Pilot Project to provide external legal support for:

(1) annual training to the Board, including on topics related to due process and parole violations; and

(2) legal advice to the Board as needed related to Board hearings.

(b) The Office of the Attorney General shall coordinate with the Board and the Agency of Human Services to identify and contract with external legal support.

(c) As part of the fiscal year 2028 budget development process, the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Parole Board Director to evaluate the pilot project and determine resources needed for Board external legal support for fiscal year 2028.

(d) On or before November 15, 2026, the Parole Board Director shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions detailing the operation of the pilot project. The report shall include a recommendation regarding legal support for the Board going forward and the resources needed.

Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2026

CARRYFORWARD

The \$25,000.00 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Corrections for third-party legal services in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.336 shall carry forward into fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of hiring external legal counsel pursuant to Sec. 4 of this act.

Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION

The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of hiring external legal counsel pursuant to Sec. 4 of this act.

Sec. 7. PAROLE BOARD BUDGET SUBMISSION IN FISCAL YEAR

2028 AND FISCAL YEAR 2029

(a) As part of the fiscal year 2028 and fiscal year 2029 budget development processes, the Parole Board Director shall submit a proposed budget to the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and Secretary of the Agency of Human Services.

(b) On or before December 15, 2027, the Parole Board Director shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions detailing the budget development process. The report shall include a recommendation regarding the Parole Board submitting an annual budget to the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

H. 582

An act relating to adult protective services

Rep. Noyes of Wolcott, for the Committee on Human Services, recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 6902 is amended to read:

§ 6902. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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~~(21)(A) “Neglect” means purposeful, knowing, or reckless failure or omission by a caregiver that has resulted in, or could be expected to result in, physical or psychological harm, including a failure or omission to:~~

~~(i) provide care or arrange for goods or services necessary to maintain the health or safety of a vulnerable adult, including food, clothing, medicine, shelter, supervision, and medical services, unless the caregiver is acting pursuant to the wishes of the vulnerable adult or the vulnerable adult’s representative, or an advance directive, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9701;~~

~~(ii) make a reasonable effort, in accordance with the authority granted the caregiver, to protect a vulnerable adult from abuse, neglect, or exploitation by others;~~

~~(iii) carry out a plan of care for a vulnerable adult unless the caregiver is acting pursuant to the wishes of the vulnerable adult or the vulnerable adult’s representative, or an advance directive, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9701; or~~

~~(iv) report significant changes in the health status of a vulnerable adult to a physician, nurse, or immediate supervisor, when the caregiver is employed by an organization that offers, provides, or arranges for personal~~

are the failure of a caregiver, agent, or fiduciary to provide the goods or services that are necessary to maintain the health or safety, or both, of a vulnerable adult.

(B) ~~Neglect~~ “Neglect” does not include self-neglect.

(C) The actions or inactions of a caregiver or fiduciary shall not be considered neglect if the caregiver or fiduciary is acting:

(i) pursuant to the wishes of the vulnerable adult;

(ii) at the direction and authority of the vulnerable adult’s representative; or

(iii) in accordance with the terms of the vulnerable adult’s advance directive.

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(26) ~~“Report” means the statements provided to Adult Protective Services from a reporter alleging that a vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited.~~

(27) ~~“Reporter” means the person who has submitted a report to Adult Protective Services or to a licensing entity in accordance with section 6904 of this chapter.~~

(28) ~~“Representative” means a court-appointed guardian, an agent acting under an advance directive executed pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 231, or an agent under a power of attorney, unless otherwise specified in the terms of the power of attorney.~~

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(35) “Advance directive” has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 9701.

(36)(A) “Fiduciary” means an individual or entity with the legal responsibility to:

(i) make decisions on behalf of and for the benefit of another individual; and

(ii) act in good faith and with fairness.

(B) The term “fiduciary” includes a trustee, guardian, conservator, executor, agent under a power of attorney or an advance directive, or representative payee.

Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 6904 is amended to read:

§ 6904. NATURE AND CONTENT OF REPORT; TO WHOM MADE

(a) A Except as otherwise provided for certain reports of neglect in subsection (b) of this section, a report shall be made to the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee. To be considered a report to the Commissioner or designee, it shall contain the name and address of the reporter as well as the names and addresses of the vulnerable adult and persons responsible for the vulnerable adult's care, if known; the age of the vulnerable adult; the nature of the vulnerable adult's disability; the nature and extent of the vulnerable adult's abuse, neglect, or exploitation together with any evidence of previous abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the vulnerable adult; and any other information that the reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of any injuries or reasons for the abuse, neglect, or exploitation as well as in protecting the vulnerable adult. If the reporter is in possession of documentation that establishes the alleged victim's conditions, needs, or services, that shall be included in the report. Any evidence of maltreatment shall also be cited in the report. If a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation involves the acts or omissions of the Commissioner or employees of the Department, then such reports shall be directed to the Secretary of Human Services, who shall cause the report to be investigated by appropriate staff other than staff of the Department.

(b)(1) If neglect is alleged to have been perpetrated within a facility licensed by the State or a program licensed by the State, or to have been perpetrated by an individual licensed by the State, the report shall be made to the relevant licensing entity or entities as follows:

(A) Neglect within a licensed facility or program shall be reported to the applicable State licensing unit in accordance with State and federal licensing rules and regulations.

(B) Neglect by an individual licensed by the Office of Professional Regulation shall be reported to the Office of Professional Regulation.

(C) Neglect by an individual licensed by the Board of Medical Practice shall be reported to the Board of Medical Practice.

(2)(A) If a licensing entity receives a report of alleged neglect pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (b), the licensing entity shall notify Adult Protective Services that the licensing entity has received a report and is acting upon it accordingly.

(B) If the licensing entity identifies neglect allegedly perpetrated within a licensed facility or program or by a licensed individual, the licensing entity shall make a report to Adult Protective Services in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 6906 is amended to read:

§ 6906. ASSESSMENT AND INVESTIGATION

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(c) Investigation.

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(10) Within 30 calendar days after the date of the notice advising that a report has been substantiated, an alleged perpetrator against whom a complaint has been lodged may apply to the Human Services Board for relief on the grounds that it is unsubstantiated. The Human Services Board shall hold a fair hearing under 3 V.S.A. § 3091 within 60 calendar days after the date of the alleged perpetrator's request for a fair hearing. ~~Unless the Commissioner agrees otherwise, the hearing shall be given priority by the Human Services Board, and an expedited hearing shall be provided, not later than 30 calendar days after the date of the notice advising that a report has been substantiated, and a decision shall be issued within seven calendar days after the hearing.~~ Priority shall be given to appeals in which there are immediate employment consequences for the person appealing the decision. The hearing officer's written findings and recommendation shall be issued within 15 calendar days after the hearing.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

H. 772

An act relating to residential rental agreements, eviction procedures, and the creation of the positive rental payment credit reporting pilot program

Rep. Mihaly of Calais, for the Committee on General and Housing, recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Termination of Residential Rental Agreement * * *

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 137 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 137. RESIDENTIAL RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Subchapter 1. General

§ 4451. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1)(A) “Actual notice” means receipt of written notice either:

(i) hand-delivered or;

(ii) delivered by sheriff service;

(iii) mailed to the last known address or the address provided in the residential rental agreement;

(iv) emailed to an email address included in the lease agreement and mailed as described in subdivision (iii) of this subdivision (1)(A); or

(v) if the last address is unknown, posted to the door of the dwelling unit.

(B) A There is created a rebuttable presumption that the notice was received ~~three~~ five days after:

(i) the date the email was sent if sent via electronic means;

(ii) the date the notice was posted to the door; or

(iii) ~~mailing is created~~ if the sending party proves that the notice was sent by first-class or certified U.S. mail, the date of the mailing.

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(11) “Immediate family” means:

(A) an adult person related by blood, adoption, civil marriage, or civil union;

(B) an unmarried parent of a joint child;

(C) a child, grandchild, foster child, ward, or guardian; or

(D) a child, grandchild, foster child, ward, or guardian of any person listed in subdivision (A) or (B) of this subdivision (11).

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Subchapter 2. Residential Rental Agreements

§ 4455. TENANT OBLIGATIONS; PAYMENT OF RENT; RENT INCREASES

(a) Rent is payable without demand or notice at the time and place agreed upon by the parties.

(b) An increase in rent shall take effect on the first day of the rental period following no less than 60 days’ actual notice to the tenant.

(c) A landlord shall not increase rent more than once in any 12-month period. This subsection shall not prohibit a landlord from increasing rent after the purchase of a dwelling unit subject to the requirements of this section.

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§ 4456a. RESIDENTIAL RENTAL APPLICATION

(a)(1) A landlord or a landlord's agent shall not charge an application fee to any individual in order to apply to enter into a rental agreement for a residential dwelling unit. This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a person from charging a fee to a person in order to apply to rent commercial or nonresidential property.

(2) As used in this section, an "application fee" means any fee, charge, or cost to submit a residential rental application including any third-party processing payment.

(3) A landlord or a landlord's agent may charge actual costs to conduct a background or credit check of an applicant, unless the tenant or applicant provides a current credit report as part of the application, in which case the landlord or landlord's agent shall not charge for a credit check. For purposes of this subdivision, a "current credit report" means a report dated within 90 days prior to the date of the residential rental application.

(4) If charging for a background or credit check on an applicant, the landlord or the landlord's agent shall provide a copy of the results of the background or credit check to the applicant.

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(c) A person who violates this section commits an unfair practice in commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

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§ 4461. SECURITY DEPOSITS

(a)(1) A security deposit is any advance, deposit, or prepaid rent, however named, which is refundable to the tenant at the termination or expiration of the tenancy. The function of a security deposit is to secure the performance of a tenant's obligations to pay rent and to maintain a dwelling unit.

(2) A landlord shall not charge for or receive a security deposit exceeding an amount equal to two months' rent, in addition to any rent for the first month paid on or before initial occupancy.

(3) Subject to the requirements of this section, a landlord may charge a separate security deposit in addition to the amount authorized in subdivision

(2) of this subsection as a condition for allowing the tenant to have a pet or pets during the rental period. A landlord shall not charge any amount under this subdivision for any animal that mitigates a disability.

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(c)(1) A landlord shall return the security deposit along with a written statement itemizing any deductions to a tenant within 14 days ~~from~~ after the date on which the landlord discovers that the tenant vacated or abandoned the dwelling unit or the date the tenant vacated the dwelling unit, provided the landlord received notice from the tenant of that date. In the case of the seasonal occupancy and rental of a dwelling unit not intended as a primary residence, the security deposit and written statement shall be returned within 60 days.

(2) If a landlord terminates a tenancy under subsection 4467(d) or (e) of this title and at the request of the tenant, the landlord shall return one-half of the security deposit, subject to any deductions authorized by subsection (b) of this section, along with a written statement itemizing any deductions to the tenant not later than 45 days before the date in the termination notice.

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(e) If a landlord fails to return the security deposit with a statement within ~~14 days~~ the timeframes outlined in subsection (c) of this section, the landlord forfeits the right to withhold any portion of the security deposit. If the failure is willful, the landlord shall be liable for double the amount wrongfully withheld, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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§ 4465. RETALIATORY CONDUCT PROHIBITED

(a) A landlord of a residential dwelling unit may not retaliate by establishing or changing terms of a rental agreement or by bringing or threatening to bring an action against a tenant who:

(1) has complained to a governmental agency charged with responsibility for enforcement of a building, housing, or health regulation of a violation applicable to the premises materially affecting health and safety;

(2) has complained to the landlord of a violation of this chapter; ~~or~~

(3) has organized or become a member of a tenant's union or similar organization; or

(4) has taken any legal action authorized by law against the landlord.

(b) If the landlord acts in violation of this section, the tenant is entitled to recover damages and reasonable attorney's fees and has a defense in any retaliatory action for possession.

(c) If a landlord serves notice of termination of tenancy on any grounds other than for nonpayment of rent within 90 days after notice by any municipal or State governmental entity that the premises are not in compliance with applicable health or safety regulations, there is a rebuttable presumption that any termination by the landlord is in retaliation for the tenant having reported the noncompliance.

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§ 4467. TERMINATION OF TENANCY; NOTICE

(a) Termination for nonpayment of rent. The landlord may terminate a tenancy for nonpayment of rent by providing actual notice to the tenant of the date on which the tenancy will terminate, which shall be at least ~~14~~ 10 days after the date of the actual notice. The rental agreement shall not terminate if the tenant pays or tenders rent due through the end of the rental period in which payment is made or tendered, provided a landlord may terminate a tenancy under subdivision (b)(1) of this section for repeated late payment of rent. Acceptance of partial payment of rent shall not constitute a waiver of the landlord's remedies for nonpayment of rent or an accord and satisfaction for nonpayment of rent.

(b) Termination for breach of rental agreement.

(1)(A) The landlord may terminate a tenancy for:

(i) failure of the tenant to comply with a material term of the rental agreement or with obligations imposed under this chapter ~~by~~;

(ii) a tenant's late payment of rent more than three times in a 12-month period; or

(iii) a tenant's refusal to allow a landlord or a landlord's agent access to the dwelling unit in accordance with section 4460 of this title.

(B) A landlord shall provide actual notice given to the tenant at least ~~30~~ 21 days prior to the termination date specified in the notice.

(C) As used in this subsection (b), "late payment of rent" means payment of rent more than 10 days after rent is due under the rental agreement.

(2)(A) When termination is based on ~~criminal activity, illegal drug activity, or acts of violence, damage to the dwelling unit or premises, or other activity~~ any of which ~~threaten~~ threatens the health or safety of other residents,

~~the landlord or landlord's agent, or neighbors,~~ the landlord may terminate the tenancy by providing actual notice to the tenant of the date on which the tenancy will terminate, which shall be at least ~~14~~ five days from the date of the actual notice.

(B) The actual notice required under this subsection (b) shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth particular facts and the basis thereof in support of the termination with sufficient details to inform the tenant of the reasoning behind the termination.

(3) A landlord shall not terminate a rental agreement under this subsection based on a person seeking medical assistance for a drug overdose, being the subject of a good faith request for medical assistance, or being at the scene of a drug overdose or within close proximity of the scene of a drug overdose as provided in 18 V.S.A. § 4254 and evidence obtained from the good faith request for medical assistance for a drug overdose shall not be used in an ejectment action brought under 12 V.S.A. chapter 169.

~~(c) Termination for no cause~~ Termination for tenant or governmental notice to vacate. ~~In the absence of a written rental agreement, the landlord may terminate a tenancy for no cause as follows:~~

~~(1) If rent is payable on a monthly basis, by providing actual notice to the tenant of the date on which the tenancy will terminate, which shall be:~~

~~(A) for tenants who have resided continuously in the same premises for two years or less, at least 60 days after the date of the actual notice;~~

~~(B) for tenants who have resided continuously in the same premises for more than two years, at least 90 days after the date of the actual notice~~ When termination is based on an intent to vacate provided by actual notice from a tenant, a landlord may terminate a rental agreement on the date provided in the actual notice.

~~(2) If rent is payable on a weekly basis, by providing actual notice to the tenant of the date on which the tenancy will terminate, which shall be at least 21 days after the date of the actual notice~~ When termination is based on compliance with an order issued by a governmental agency or court order that necessitates vacating the premises, a landlord may terminate a rental agreement on the date provided in the order.

~~(d) Termination of rental agreement when property is sold or repurposed. In the absence of a written rental agreement a~~ A ~~landlord who has contracted to sell the building~~ may terminate a tenancy by providing actual notice to the tenant of the date on which the tenancy will terminate, which shall be at least ~~30~~ 90 days after the date of the actual notice or, in the event of a written rental

agreement, at least 90 days before the expiration of the stated term of the rental agreement, when:

(A) the landlord has contracted to sell the building;

(B) necessary for the landlord or a member of the landlord's immediate family to occupy the premises for a minimum of 12 continuous months as a primary residence;

(C) permanently withdrawing the dwelling unit from the rental market; or

(D) demolishing the dwelling unit or premises or the rental unit requires renovations that exceed 50 percent of the rental unit's value to become or remain habitable, provided that the tenant shall have the right of first refusal to reoccupy the unit at market rate following renovations.

(e) ~~Termination for no cause under terms of written~~ at the expiration of a rental agreement.

(1) ~~If there is a written rental agreement, the notice to terminate for no cause shall be at least 30~~ 90 ~~days before the end or expiration of the stated term of the rental agreement if the tenancy has continued for two years or less. The notice to terminate for no cause shall be at least 60 days before the end or expiration of the term of the rental agreement if the tenancy has continued for more than two years.~~

(2) In the absence of a written rental agreement, the notice to terminate shall be at least 90 days after the date of actual notice.

(3) ~~If there is a written week-to-week rental agreement, the notice to terminate for no cause shall be at least seven~~ 10 ~~days; however, a notice to terminate for nonpayment of rent shall be as provided in subsection (a) of this section.~~

(f) Termination date notice. In all cases, the termination date shall be specifically stated in the notice as well as the reason for the termination.

(g) Conversion to condominium. If the building is being converted to condominiums, notice shall be given in accordance with 27 V.S.A. chapter 15, subchapter 2.

(h) Termination of shared occupancy. A rental arrangement whereby a person rents to another individual one or more rooms in ~~his or her~~ the person's personal residence that includes the shared use of any of the common living spaces, such as the living room, kitchen, or bathroom, may be terminated by either party by providing actual notice to the other of the date the rental agreement shall terminate, which shall be at least ~~15 days after the date of~~

~~actual notice if the rent is payable monthly and at least seven days after the date of actual notice if the rent is payable weekly.~~

(i) Multiple notices. All actual notices that are in compliance with this section shall not invalidate any other actual notice and shall be a valid basis for commencing and maintaining an action for possession pursuant to this chapter, 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, 11 V.S.A. chapter 14, or 12 V.S.A. chapter 169, notwithstanding that the notices may be based on different or unrelated grounds, dates of termination, or that the notices are sent at different times prior to or during an ejectment action. A landlord may maintain an ejectment action and rely on as many grounds for ejectment as are allowed by law at any time during the eviction process.

(j) Payment after termination; effect.

(1) A landlord's acceptance of full or partial rent payment by or on behalf of a tenant after the termination of the tenancy for reasons other than nonpayment of rent or at any time during the ejectment action shall not result in the dismissal of an ejectment action or constitute a waiver of the landlord's remedies to proceed with an eviction action ~~based on any of the following:~~

~~(A) the tenant's breach of the terms of a rental agreement pursuant to subsection (b) of this section;~~

~~(B) the tenant's breach of the tenant's obligations pursuant to subsections 4456(a), (b), and (c) of this title; or~~

~~(C) for no cause pursuant to subsections (c), (d), (e), and (h) of this section.~~

(2) This subsection shall apply to 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, 11 V.S.A. chapter 14, and 12 V.S.A. chapter 169.

(k) Commencement of ejectment action. A notice to terminate a tenancy shall be insufficient to support a judgment of eviction unless the proceeding is commenced not later than 60 days ~~from~~ after the termination date set forth in the notice.

(l) Affirmative defense to ejectment action.

(1) For any ejectment action based on a failure to pay rent pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, it shall be an affirmative defense of the tenant, and judgment shall be issued for the defendant, if there exists a serious health and safety code violation issued to the landlord under 20 V.S.A. § 2677 and the landlord has made no reasonable attempt to correct the violation as of the date of the termination, which shall include:

(A) any condition that jeopardizes the security of the unit;

(B) major plumbing leaks, flooding, or waterlogged ceiling or flooring in imminent danger of falling in;

(C) gas or fuel oil leaks;

(D) electrical conditions that could result in shock or fire;

(E) absence of a working heating system when outside temperature is below 60 degrees Fahrenheit;

(F) utilities not in service, including no running hot water;

(G) conditions that present the immediate possibility of serious injury;

(H) obstacles that prevent the safe entrance into or exit from the dwelling unit;

(I) absence of a functional toilet within the dwelling unit; or

(J) inoperable smoke or carbon monoxide detectors.

(2) Tenant remedies under this subsection shall not defeat an ejectment action if the serious health and safety code violation was caused by the negligent or deliberate act or omission of the tenant or a person on the premises with the tenant's consent.

(3) This subsection shall apply to 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, 11 V.S.A. chapter 14, and 12 V.S.A. chapter 169.

§ 4468. TERMINATION OF TENANCY; ACTION FOR POSSESSION

If the tenant remains in possession after termination of the rental agreement without the express consent of the landlord, the landlord may bring an action for possession, damages, and costs:

(1) for a termination provided under subsections 4467(a) and (b) of this title, under 12 V.S.A. chapter 169, subchapter 4; and

(2) for all other terminations provided in section 4467 of this title, under 12 V.S.A. chapter 169, subchapter 3.

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* * * Ejectment * * *

Sec. 2. 12 V.S.A. § 663 is added to read:

§ 663. ALTERNATE SERVICE OF PROCESS; DURATION OF ORDER

(a) When the court orders that alternate service of process be made in a civil proceeding, the order shall remain in effect and apply to all subsequent

service of process in the same proceeding, including postjudgment proceedings. This section shall apply to orders issued pursuant to Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 4(d)(1) permitting service of process by publication or by leaving a copy at the defendant's dwelling house or usual place of abode, or to orders permitting alternate service of process under any other provision of law.

(b) When a motion for alternative service of process is filed pursuant to Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 4(d)(1) in an action under 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, 11 V.S.A. chapter 14, or 12 V.S.A. chapter 169, the court shall rule on the motion within three days after it is filed.

Sec. 3. 12 V.S.A. chapter 169 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 169. EJECTMENT

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Subchapter 3. Superior Court Ejectment

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§ 4853. SERVICE OF PROCESS

The Unless otherwise provided by law, the process shall be served and notice given as in other civil actions.

§ 4853a. PAYMENT OF RENT INTO COURT; EXPEDITED HEARING

~~[Subsection (a) as amended by 2007, Act No. 125 (Adj. Sess.), § 1.]~~

~~(a) In any action against a tenant for possession, the landlord may file a motion for an order that the tenant pay rent into court. The motion may be filed and served with the complaint or at any time after the complaint has been filed. The motion shall be accompanied by affidavit setting forth particular facts in support of the motion.~~

~~[Subsection (a) as amended by 2007, Act No. 176 (Adj. Sess.), § 51.]~~

(a) In any action against a tenant for possession brought in accordance with this chapter, 9 V.S.A. chapter 137, 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, or 11 V.S.A. chapter 14, the landlord may file a motion for an order that the tenant pay rent into court. The motion may be filed and served with the complaint or at any time after the complaint has been filed. The motion shall be accompanied by affidavit setting forth particular facts in support of the motion.

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(d) If the court finds the tenant is obligated to pay rent and has failed to do so, the court shall order full ~~or partial~~ payment into court of rent as it accrues

while the proceeding is pending and rent accrued from the date of filing with the court the complaint for ejectment or the date the summons and complaint for ejectment were served on the tenant pursuant to Rule 3 of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure, whichever occurs first.

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~~(g) The tenant may at any time by motion apply to the court to reduce the amount ordered to be paid into court under this section. The motion for reduction shall be accompanied by affidavit setting forth particular facts in its support. [Repealed.]~~

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§ 4854a. PROPERTY OF TENANT REMAINING ON PREMISES AFTER
EVICTION

(a) A landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in a dwelling unit or leased premises without notice or liability to the tenant or owner of the personal property:

~~(1) 15 days after a writ of possession is served pursuant to this chapter or immediately upon the landlord being legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises pursuant to this chapter, whichever is later; or~~

(2) in the case of an eviction brought pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, 40 days after a writ of possession issued for failure to pay rent into court pursuant to subsection 4853a(h) of this title is served or upon the landlord being legally restored to possession of the leased premises by a writ of possession issued for failure to pay rent into court pursuant to subsection 4853a(h) of this title, whichever is later.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if the court stays the execution of a writ of possession issued pursuant to this chapter, then a landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in a dwelling unit or leased premises without notice or liability to the tenant or owner of the personal property ~~one day~~ immediately after the landlord is legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises.

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Subchapter 4. Superior Court Ejectment for Nonpayment or Breach

§ 4861. ISSUANCE OF PROCESS BY SUPERIOR JUDGE FOR
NONPAYMENT OR BREACH

When the lessee of lands or tenements, either by parole or written lease, or a person holding under the lease, holds possession of the demised premises without right, after the termination of the lease under 9 V.S.A. § 4467(a) or (b), the person entitled to the possession of the premises may have from the presiding judge of the Superior Court a writ to restore the person to the possession thereof.

§ 4862. MODE AND SERVICE OF PROCESS; TRIAL BY JURY

(a) The process may issue as a summons, requiring the defendant to appear and answer to the complaint of the plaintiff, which shall state that the defendant is in the possession of the lands or tenements in question, with a description thereof, that the tenant holds unlawfully and against the right of the plaintiff. A copy of the rental agreement, if any, and any notice to terminate the defendant's tenancy shall be attached to the complaint, including a copy of the rent ledger if the complaint is based on a termination under 9 V.S.A. § 4467(a).

(b) Either party shall have the right to a trial by jury.

§ 4863. ANSWER

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, the defendant shall file an answer within 14 days after service of the complaint.

(b) An answer to a complaint filed under this subchapter shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth particular facts in opposition to the complaint.

(c)(1) If the complaint is based on a termination under 9 V.S.A. § 4467(a), the defendant may cure the action by paying all rents owed, court costs, and service fees by the answer date. If payment is not received by the answer date, the defendant shall lose the right to cure the complaint as a matter of law. A plaintiff may accept payment in whole or in part and dismiss the complaint. A defendant shall not have the right to cure in a subsequent action brought by the plaintiff for termination under 9 V.S.A. § 4467(a).

(2) Upon receipt of an answer to a complaint based on a termination under 9 V.S.A. § 4467(a) or (b)(1), the court shall set a final hearing date not later than 60 days after the date of service of the complaint absent good cause.

§ 4864. DEFAULT

If the defendant fails to provide a written answer as provided in this subchapter, the plaintiff shall be entitled to possession of the premises. The plaintiff shall file a motion for possession based on the default and shall include an affidavit that provides proof of service on the defendant. The court

shall decide on the motion within five days after the filing by the plaintiff absent good cause.

§ 4865. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

(a) If the complaint is based on a termination under 9 V.S.A. § 4467(b)(2), the court shall set a show cause hearing within 10 days after an answer is filed by the defendant absent good cause. If the defendant fails to appear, the plaintiff shall be awarded possession of the premises.

(b) At the show cause hearing, the defendant shall provide a rebuttal to the facts supporting the termination claims brought by the plaintiff.

(c)(1) Parties may rely on affidavit evidence during the show cause hearing made under the pains and penalties of perjury. If the defendant makes a showing that live testimony is required or upon the court's own determination, a final hearing may be ordered.

(2) In the event a final hearing is ordered to resolve the complaint, a final hearing shall be set within 21 days after the date of the show cause hearing.

§ 4866. COSTS; JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF; POSSESSION

If the court finds the plaintiff is entitled to possession, whether by default or after a final hearing, the plaintiff shall have a judgment for possession and rents due, if applicable, including damages and costs, and when a written rental agreement so provides, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees. A writ of possession shall issue on the date of judgment and shall direct any sheriff to serve the writ upon the defendant and, not earlier than 14 days after the writ is served, put the plaintiff in possession.

§ 4867. PROPERTY OF TENANT REMAINING ON PREMISES AFTER EVICTION

A landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in a dwelling unit or leased premises without notice or liability to the tenant or owner of the personal property upon the landlord being legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises pursuant to this subchapter.

§ 4868. TRESPASS ORDERS

After being legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises pursuant to this chapter, the plaintiff may issue the defendant an order against trespass for the entire premises subject to the ejectment action in accordance with 13 V.S.A. § 3705.

* * * Trespass * * *

Sec. 4. PURPOSE

The purpose of Sec. 5 of this act is to overrule the Vermont Supreme Court's decision in *State v. Dixon*, 169 Vt. 15 (1999), and allow the landlord of a dwelling unit to obtain a no trespass order prohibiting the tenant's invitees or licensees from entering the dwelling unit's common areas if the invitee or licensee subject to the order has violated the terms of the lease agreement.

Sec. 5. 13 V.S.A. § 3705 is amended to read:

§ 3705. UNLAWFUL TRESPASS

(a)(1) A person shall be imprisoned for not more than three months or fined not more than \$500.00, or both, if, without legal authority or the consent of the person in lawful possession, the person enters or remains on any land or in any place as to which notice against trespass is given by:

* * *

(g)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section or any provision of law to the contrary, a landlord of a dwelling unit may cause to be served an order against trespass that prohibits a tenant's invitees or licensees from trespassing in the dwelling unit or any of the dwelling unit's common areas if:

(A) the tenant responsible for the invitee or licensee consents to the order;

(B) the invitee or licensee subject to the order has violated the terms of the dwelling unit's lease agreement; or

(C) the invitee or licensee has violated a State or federal law while on the premises of the dwelling unit.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is served an order against trespass issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection has a limited right to appeal the order by bringing a small claims action against the landlord under 12 V.S.A. chapter 187 within seven days after the order is served. The decision of the court in the small claims action shall be final and not subject to appeal.

(3) As used in this subsection:

(A) "Dwelling unit" means a building or the part of a building that is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one or more persons who maintain a household.

(B) “Tenant” means a person entitled under a rental agreement to occupy a residential dwelling unit to the exclusion of others.

* * * Ejectment Records * * *

Sec. 6. 12 V.S.A. chapter 169, subchapter 5 is added to read:

Subchapter 5. Confidentiality of Ejectment Records

§ 4871. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “Confidential” means to limit access only to those persons who are authorized by law or court order to view the record.

(2) “Consumer reporting agency” has the same meaning as in 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(f).

(3) “Ejectment record” means recorded information pertaining to an ejectment case that is in the possession, custody, or control of a court or was in the possession of a court.

(4) “Landlord” has the same meaning as in 9 V.S.A. § 4451(4).

(5) “Record” means any recorded information made or received pursuant to law or in connection with the transaction of any official business by a court, including all evidence received by the court in a case.

(6) “Removal of confidentiality” means to restore an ejectment record to the level of public access a public court record enjoys by removing any physical and electronic separation imposed on the ejectment record when it was confidential.

(7) “Tenant” has the same meaning as in 9 V.S.A. § 4451(10).

(8) “Tenant screening report” means any written, oral, or other communication prepared by a consumer reporting agency that includes information about an individual’s rental history for the purpose of serving as a factor in establishing the individual’s eligibility for housing.

(9) “Termination notice” means any notice given under 9 V.S.A. § 4467.

§ 4872. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORD UPON FILING

All records of a newly filed ejectment complaint shall be confidential. The ejectment record shall be designated as confidential upon filing and shall remain confidential except pursuant to section 4873 of this title.

§ 4873. REMOVAL OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF EJECTMENT RECORDS

If the court of jurisdiction in an ejectment case issues a final or default judgment in favor of the landlord where a finding has been made of nonpayment of rent pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 4467(a) or breach of rental agreement pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 4467(b), the court shall remove confidentiality for the ejectment record after 30 days unless the court orders continued confidentiality.

§ 4874. EFFECT OF CONFIDENTIALITY; PROHIBITIONS

(a) A person who is asked about the person's ejectment history may answer that there is no prior ejectment if the record is confidential.

(b)(1) A consumer reporting agency shall check Vermont court ejectment records to determine whether they are confidential before including them in a tenant screening report.

(2) A consumer reporting agency shall not include any ejectment record in a tenant screening report if the court record is confidential or if the consumer reporting agency has been directly notified that the record is confidential.

(c) Any tenant who suffers injury as a result of a violation of subsection (b) of this section may bring an action for injunctive relief, actual damages, or statutory damages of up to \$1,000.00 per violation, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees.

§ 4875. ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS

(a) The court of jurisdiction in an ejectment case shall make the confidential ejectment record available to each of the following persons for purposes of litigating, adjudicating, joining, appealing, or otherwise facilitating the ejectment case:

- (1) each party to the ejectment case;
- (2) the judge and court staff of jurisdiction; and
- (3) each attorney representing a party to the ejectment case.

(b) In addition to access provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the court of jurisdiction shall make a confidential ejectment record available to any person with a valid court order authorizing access to the ejectment record.

* * * Positive Rental Payment Pilot Program * * *

Sec. 7. POSITIVE RENTAL PAYMENT CREDIT REPORTING PILOT

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Contractor” means the third-party vendor that the State Treasurer’s Office contracts with to administer the pilot program described in this section.

(2) “Dwelling unit” has the same meaning as in 9 V.S.A. § 4451(3).

(3) “Participant property owner” means a landlord that has agreed in writing to participate in the pilot program and has satisfied the requirements described in subsection (c) of this section.

(4) “Participant tenant” means a tenant who has elected to participate in the pilot program and whose landlord is a participant property owner.

(5) “Rental payment information” means information concerning a participant tenant’s timely payment of rent. “Rent payment information” does not include information concerning a participant tenant’s payment or nonpayment of fees.

(b) Pilot program creation.

(1) The State Treasurer shall create and implement a two-year positive rental payment credit reporting pilot program to facilitate the reporting of rent payment information from participant tenants to consumer reporting agencies.

(2) On or before May 1, 2027, the State Treasurer shall contract with a third party to administer a positive rental payment credit reporting pilot program and facilitate the transmission of rent reporting information from a participant property owner to a consumer reporting agency. The third-party administrator shall be required to:

(A) enter into an agreement with one or more participant property owners in the State in accordance with the requirements of this section for participation in the pilot program;

(B) ensure that information to a credit reporting agency includes only rent payment information after the date on which the participant tenant elected to participate in the pilot program;

(C) develop and implement a process for removal of participant tenants for failure to comply with program requirements, including failure to make timely rental payments;

(D) establish a standard form for a participant tenant to use to elect to participate or cease participation in the pilot program, which shall include a statement that the tenant’s participation is voluntary and that a participant may cease participating in the pilot program at any time and for any reason by providing notice to the participant’s landlord and that the tenant may be

removed from the program for failure to comply with program requirements, including failure to make timely rental payments; and

(E) offer an optional financial education course for participant tenants.

(c) Pilot program agreements. A participant property owner shall agree in writing:

(1) to participate in the pilot program for the duration of the pilot program;

(2) not to charge a participant tenant for participation in the pilot program;

(3) to comply with the requirements of the pilot program;

(4) to provide information as required by the State Treasurer concerning the implementation of the pilot program; and

(5) to assist in the recruitment of tenants to participate in the pilot program.

(d) Pilot program participants. On or before June 1, 2027, the contractor shall, in coordination with the State Treasurer, recruit not more than 10 participant property owners and, to the extent practicable, not fewer than 100 participant tenants to participate in the pilot program. The contractor shall seek to select participant tenants from populations that are underserved and underrepresented in home ownership. The contractor shall also seek to recruit participant landlords who offer:

(1) a variety of types of dwelling units for rent, including dwelling units of various sizes;

(2) dwelling units for rent that are located in geographically diverse areas of the State; and

(3) at least five dwelling units for rent.

(e) Termination. The State Treasurer may terminate the pilot program at any time in the Treasurer's sole discretion or terminate participation of a participant property owner for failure to comply with the requirements of the pilot program.

(f) Reports.

(1) On or before November 1, 2028, the State Treasurer shall submit an interim report to the House Committee on General and Housing and the Senate

Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs regarding the findings of the pilot program. The report shall include:

(A) the number of participant tenants, including information regarding the demographic makeup of participant tenants, such as race, ethnicity, gender, income, and age, as voluntarily provided by the participant;

(B) the number of participant tenants who ceased participating in the pilot program voluntarily;

(C) the number of participant tenants who were removed from the pilot program and the reasons why;

(D) a breakdown of costs of administering the pilot program, including the monthly costs associated with rent reporting;

(E) a description of challenges faced by the participant property owners and participant tenants during the pilot program;

(F) an analysis of the outcomes of rent reporting on participant tenants' credit scores; and

(G) recommendations for legislative action, including proposed statutory language and an appropriation for associated costs.

(2) On or before November 1, 2029, the State Treasurer shall submit a final report to the House Committee on General and Housing and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs regarding the findings of the pilot program. The report shall include an update to the information required in the interim report.

* * * Residential Security Deposit Transition Period * * *

Sec. 8. SECURITY DEPOSIT; TRANSITION PERIOD

Notwithstanding 9 V.S.A. § 4461(a), a landlord may retain a security deposit that exceeds an amount equal to two months' rent, provided that the residential rental agreement was in effect prior to July 1, 2026.

* * * Technical Training * * *

Sec. 9. LANDLORD AND TENANT EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(a) The Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) shall provide education and technical assistance to Vermont landlords and tenants regarding their rights, obligations, and remedies for statutory violations under Vermont rental statutes.

(b)(1) Training for tenants shall include training under the Preferred Renter Certification Program or its future equivalent.

(2) For landlords, CVOEO shall develop a curriculum to address any resource and information gaps to increase positive interactions with tenants and improve renter household stability.

(c) Assistance under this program shall include in-person, virtual, and on-demand options.

* * * Appropriations * * *

Sec. 10. APPROPRIATIONS

The following is appropriated from the General Fund in fiscal year 2027:

(1) the sum of \$100,000.00 to the State Treasurer for contracting and administrative costs necessary to implement the positive rental payment credit reporting pilot program;

(2) the sum of \$600,000.00 to the Department for Children and Families to be granted to the community action agencies to be used to support liaison work with landlords and tenants; and

(3) the sum of \$1,200,000.00 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the following purposes:

(A) \$1,000,000.00 granted to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45; and

(B) \$200,000.00 granted to the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity for statewide landlord and tenant education.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(Committee Vote: 8-3-0)

CONSENT CALENDAR FOR ACTION

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a - 16d

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 in that member's chamber before today's adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber

should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar of February 26, 2026.

H.C.R. 212

House concurrent resolution honoring the amazing Brooks Memorial Library Director Starr LaTronica

H.C.R. 213

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2026 as Social Work Month in Vermont

H.C.R. 214

House concurrent resolution celebrating the essential contributions of Irish American patriots in the struggle for our nation's independence

H.C.R. 215

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ben Ogden of Landgrove on winning two 2026 Winter Olympics cross-country skiing silver medals

H.C.R. 216

House concurrent resolution honoring Margo Caulfield for her exemplary and enormously appreciated volunteer leadership in the Town of Cavendish

For Informational Purposes

CROSSOVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following crossover dates:

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 13, 2026**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 20, 2026**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the general Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill, and the Fee/Revenue bills).

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (H.C.R.) PROCESS

Joint Rules 16a–16d provide the procedure for the General Assembly to adopt concurrent resolutions pursuant to the Consent Calendar. Here are the steps for Representatives to introduce an H.C.R. and to have it ceremonially read during a House session:

1. Meet with or email Legislative Counselor Michael Chernick regarding your H.C.R. draft request. Come prepared with an idea and any relevant supporting documents.
2. Have a date in mind if you want a ceremonial reading. You should communicate with Counselor Chernick **at least two weeks prior** to the week you want your ceremonial reading to happen.
3. Counselor Chernick will draft your H.C.R., and Resolutions Editor and Coordinator Jill Pralle will edit it. Upon completion of this process, a paper or electronic copy will be released to you. If a paper copy is released to you, a sponsor sign-out sheet will also be included.
4. Please submit a final sponsor list (with all sponsors listed) to Counselor Chernick by paper *or* electronically, but not both.
5. The final list of sponsors needs to be submitted, by email *or* on a paper sign-out sheet, to Counselor Chernick **not later than 1:00 p.m. the Wednesday of the week prior** to the H.C.R.’s appearance on the Consent Calendar.
6. The Office of Legislative Counsel will then send your H.C.R. to the House Clerk’s Office for incorporation into the Consent Calendar and House Calendar Addendum for the following week.
7. The week that your H.C.R. is on the Consent Calendar, any presentation copies that you requested will be mailed or available for pickup on Friday, after the House and Senate adjourn, which is when your H.C.R. is adopted pursuant to Joint Rules.
8. Your H.C.R. can be ceremonially read during a House session once it is adopted, meaning it must have been adopted through the House Consent Calendar not later than the week prior to your requested ceremonial reading date. Contact Second Assistant Clerk Courtney Reckord to confirm your requested ceremonial reading date.

9. A Note: If there is a **specific date, week, or month that your resolution must be read** (e.g. to designate a specified period of time or to recognize a group on a certain day), please inform Second Assistant Clerk Courtney Reckord as soon as possible, so she can reserve that date in advance. You do not need to have the resolution drafted by then.

JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE NOTICES

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

JFO #3271: \$218,385.00 to the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services from the U.S. Department of Justice. Funds will be used to consolidate data into one case management system. *[Received January 27, 2026]*

JFO #3272: \$195,053,740.00 to the Vermont Agency of Human Services, Central Office from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Participation in the Rural Health Transformation Plan (RHTP) will help to ensure long-term health care system sustainability in Vermont. This grant includes two (2) limited-service positions (LSP): one (1) Health Care Reform Integration Manager to the Office of Health Care Reform and one (1) Financial Manager II to the Agency of Human Services Central Office. Both limited positions are expected to last through 9/30/2031. *[Received January 27, 2026]*