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SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014, AT 10:00 A.M.**

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 110, directing the department of environmental services to adopt rules relative to its 2009 numeric nutrient criteria for the Great Bay Estuary. **02/06/14, pending motion Interim Study, Energy & Natural Resources, SJ 3, pg. 72**

SB 252, relative to the management of hazardous waste. **02/19/14, pending motion Interim Study, Energy & Natural Resources, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

SB 331-FN, relative to waivers for out-of-state businesses and employees in a state of emergency. **02/19/14, pending motion Committee Amendment (0567s), Commerce, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

SB 366-FN-A-L, relative to video lottery and table gaming. **02/06/14, pending motion Committee Amendment (0279s), Ways & Means, SJ 3, pg. 80**

SB 410-FN-L, relative to apportionment in cooperative school districts with a renewable generation facility. **02/19/14, pending motion Committee Amendment (0498s), Ways & Means, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 222, restructuring the department of administrative services, division of plant and property management. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

This bill reorganizes the department of administrative services, division of plant and property management into three divisions: division of procurement and support services, division of plant and property, and the division of public works design and construction. The amendment brought forward makes technical corrections to the legislation in addition to converting a present position within the Information Technologies Department to that of deputy commissioner.

SB 251, relative to horse access to state land.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reagan for the committee.

This bill allows horseback riding on any trail in the multi-use statewide trail system. Recently, JLCAR took up rules proposed from the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) on this matter and all has been resolved to the satisfaction of the horse and related animal community who were in attendance at all public hearings. There is no need to further this legislation.

SB 381, relative to the membership of the joint legislative oversight committee on the emergency management system.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reagan for the committee.

This bill deletes two senate members from the joint legislative oversight committee on the emergency management system. The bill also adds a quorum requirement to the committee.

SB 385, relative to examination requirements for chiropractors.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reagan for the committee.

This legislation makes changes in statute to the examination requirements for chiropractors which are presently in rules.

SB 393, relative to the housing finance authority and surplus lands housing program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill clarifies definitions and eligibility requirements for participation in programs administered by the housing finance authority. The bill also permits the authority to sell or transfer undeveloped land received under the surplus lands housing program.

SB 398, relative to employment negotiations between the state and individual bargaining units.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Cataldo for the committee.

This legislation would require the state to negotiate terms and conditions of employment and all cost items with each bargaining unit individually and separately. The Committee believes that it is best to have everyone at the same table bringing efficiency for the employer and for the employee organizations.

SB 403-FN, prohibiting the sale or possession of sky lanterns.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Soucy for the committee.

This bill prohibits the sale or possession of sky lanterns. The committee heard a great deal of testimony concerning the litter caused by sky lanterns. The committee was concerned that efforts to regulate and enforce a ban or tethering requirement would be difficult to enforce as the devices' users and sellers are not easily identified.

SB 405-FN, requiring the registration of radon mitigation system installers with the board of home inspectors.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Cataldo for the committee.

This bill requires the registration of radon mitigation system installers with the board of home inspectors. The amendment brought forward corrects the name of the national organization where certification is required.

FINANCE

SB 213-FN, establishing a registry for physician orders for life-sustaining treatment.
Interim Study, Vote 6-0.
Senator Bragdon for the committee.

This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish a statewide registry for the collection and dissemination of physician orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST) to help ensure that patients' preferences are known in the event of an emergency. Though the Finance Committee felt the concept had merit, there were many logistical questions, not the least of which was the priority of resources within DHHS given competing needs.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 406-FN, relative to certain health care data.
Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Sanborn for the committee.

This bill requires certain encrypted health care information collected by the insurance department to be available to the public upon request to the department of health and human services under certain circumstances. The committee feels as though further study of this information is needed in order to provide certain information to the public.

SB 412-FN, relative to managed care network adequacy and federal health care reform.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Gilmour for the committee.

This bill was serving as a placeholder to correct concerns about healthcare reform. As the issues are being addressed through different avenues, it is no longer necessary and should therefore be found as "Inexpedient to Legislate." As introduced, the bill repeals the joint health care reform oversight committee and deletes the prohibition relative to a state-based health exchange. Additionally, it requires insurance carriers which offered a health insurance product on the health exchange that consists of a narrow network to also offer a broad network individual product.

JUDICIARY

SB 353, recodifying RSA 168-B, relative to surrogacy.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

This legislation updates and recodifies our surrogacy statute to reflect the changes in national practice and language as technology and medical procedures evolve.

SB 389, relative to the enforcement authority of fish and game officers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lasky for the committee.

This legislation gives the authority to Fish and Game to enforce motor vehicle statutes on our roads and is necessitated by OHRVs which can travel on both trails and public roads. The bill has the support of law enforcement.

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 206-FN, relative to proof of identity by voters.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pierce for the committee.

This bill establishes requirements for challenging alternative forms of identification of voters. The reason for the objection must be in writing, and must state the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon which the challenge is based.

SB 276, relative to notifying a UOCAVA voter of an invalid absentee ballot application.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pierce for the committee.

This bill requires that notice to a UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) voter of an invalid absentee ballot application be in accordance with procedures for refusing to certify applications of other absentee voters.

SB 347, relative to municipal enforcement of land use ordinances.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Forrester for the committee.

This bill allows pleas by mail for violations of municipal land use ordinances and establishes a fine for landlords failing to designate an agent.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 361, relative to mortgage originators and depository institutions.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Hosmer for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 397, relative to the sale of wines from Argentina.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Reagan for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 220-FN, relative to the regulation of electricians by the electricians' board.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-1.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

SB 246-FN, relative to penalties for speeding.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Larsen for the committee.

SB 259-FN, establishing a palliative care center for health care consumers and providers and continually appropriating a special fund.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Odell for the committee.

SB 262-FN, revising the form for "summons instead of arrest" and prohibiting attachments in small claims actions.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Bragdon for the committee.

SB 395-FN, relative to the retirement classification of the director of the division of forests and lands.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 413-FN-A, relative to access to health insurance coverage.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Stiles for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 209, expanding the good samaritan law to engineers and architects.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 253, relative to grounds for termination of parental rights.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lasky for the committee.

SB 297, relative to apportionment of damages.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

SB 390, relative to protection of employees who are victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, or criminal harassment.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Lasky for the committee.

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 277, relative to absentee voter registration.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Stiles for the committee.

SB 278, relative to the absentee voter website.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Pierce for the committee.

SB 280, relative to absentee voters.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Forrester for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Public and Municipal Affairs

February 20, 2014

2014-0694s

03/10

Amendment to SB 206-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Obtaining a Ballot; Challenges. Amend RSA 659:13, II(b) to read as follows:

(b) In addition to the forms of photo identification authorized in subparagraph (a), the following shall satisfy the identification requirements of paragraph I:

(1) A photo identification not authorized by subparagraph (a) but determined to be legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the town or city clerk, provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to the use of such photo identification, ***identifies the reason for the objection in writing, and states the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon which the challenge of the photo identification is based***, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged voter affidavit as if no identification was presented.

(2) Verification of the person's identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the town or city clerk, provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to such verification, ***identifies the reason for the objection in writing, and states the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon which the challenge of the verification of identity is based***, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged voter affidavit ***as if no verification was made***.

2 New Subparagraph; 2015 Version; Obtaining a Ballot; Identification. Amend RSA 659:13, II(a) by inserting after subparagraph (6) the following new subparagraph:

(7) A photo identification not authorized by subparagraphs (1) through (6) but determined to be legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the town or city clerk, provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to the use of such photo identification, identifies the reason for the objection in writing, and states the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon which the challenge of the photo identification is based, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged voter affidavit as if no identification was presented.

3 Obtaining a Ballot; Challenges; 2015 Version. Amend RSA 659:13, II(b) to read as follows:

(b) In addition to the forms of photo identification authorized in subparagraph (a), the identification requirements of paragraph I may be satisfied by verification of the person's identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the town or city clerk, provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to such verification, ***identifies the reason for the objection in writing, and states the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon which the challenge of the photo identification is based***, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged voter affidavit ***as if no verification was made***.

4 Effective Date.

I. Sections 2-3 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2015, at 12:03 a.m.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Senate Judiciary
February 24, 2014
2014-0712s
01/06

Amendment to SB 209

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Section; Liability Limited; Licensed Engineers and Architects. Amend RSA 508 by inserting after section 12-b the following new section:

508:12-c Liability Limited; Licensed Engineers and Architects.

I. Any engineer or engineering firm, or architect or architectural firm licensed pursuant to RSA 310-A who, in good faith, voluntarily and without charge or compensation, acting under the direction of the director of the division of homeland security and emergency management, the state fire marshal, or a town or city emergency management director who is managing a natural or human-caused disaster or other life-threatening emergency, provides rescue, relief, professional advice or assistance in connection with such disaster or emergency, shall not be liable for any civil damages alleged to have been caused by acts or omissions of such licensed professional or firm in providing the requested assistance, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The service rendered applies to the practice of engineering or architecture and concerns any building, structure, or system, whether publicly or privately owned, that is involved in or affected by the disaster or emergency;

(b) The service rendered relates to the structural integrity of the entire building or system or any portion thereof, or to a nonstructural element of the structure or system, affecting public safety; and

(c) The service is rendered during the time in which the emergency exists.

II. The immunity granted under this section shall not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence, or wanton or willful misconduct.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 February 20, 2014
 2014-0684s
 05/10

Amendment to SB 222

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT restructuring the department of administrative services, division of plant and property management and establishing the position of deputy commissioner in the department of information technology.

Amend RSA 21-I:1, II(m) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

[~~(H)~~] **(m)** Developing and maintaining state owned and supported land and buildings, including public works design and construction relating to projects as defined in RSA [~~21-I:78, IX~~] **21-I:78 through 21-I:86**.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3 and 4 with the following:

3 Nomination by Commissioner; Effective Date Contingency. Amend RSA 21-I:2, II to read as follows:

II. The commissioner shall nominate for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the council, each **unclassified** division director, the assistant commissioner, the deputy commissioner, the internal auditor, the financial data manager, the manager of risks and benefits, and the senior operational analyst. The **unclassified** division directors, the assistant commissioner, the deputy commissioner, the internal auditor, the financial data manager, the manager of risks and benefits, and the senior operational analyst shall each serve for a term of 4 years.

4 Applicability.

I. RSA 21-I: 2, II as amended by section 2 of this act shall take effect upon passage of this act if, and only if, at the time of the passage of this act, 2013, 144:26 has not taken effect pursuant to 2013, 144:27.

II. If, at the time of the passage of this act, 2013, 144:26 has taken effect pursuant to 2013, 144:27, then RSA 21-I: 2, II as amended by section 2 of this act shall not take effect.

III. RSA 21-I:2, II as amended by section 3 of this act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the date that 2013, 144:26 takes effect pursuant to 2013, 144:27, or upon the passage of this act, whichever is later.

Amend RSA 21-I:11, I(a)(5) and (6) as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

(5) Maintaining a central inventory record of all state owned real property, physical plant and equipment, which record shall be made available to the comptroller to assist him or her in complying with accounting principles. In order to compile this record the director shall:

(A) Advise each state agency how to establish and maintain a perpetual inventory record system for real property, whether rented or owned, physical plant and equipment; and

(B) Require each state agency to report annually, in such form as prescribed by the director, an inventory of the real property, whether rented or owned, physical plant and equipment under its jurisdiction. The form of such report shall not be considered a rule subject to the provisions of RSA 541-A.

(6) Recommending to the commissioner fair and equitable charges to be assessed according to rules adopted pursuant to RSA 21-I:14, XI, against any recipients receiving any donated surpluses from the bureau of purchase and property's surplus distribution section which shall:

(A) Be sufficiently high to defray all administrative, warehousing, processing distribution and transportation costs incurred by the surplus distribution section and to allow the accumulation of a working capital reserve equal to the cost of 6 months' operation of the surplus distribution section so that the operation of said section shall result in no expense to the state; and

(B) Be maintained by the treasurer as a separate, restricted fund.

Amend RSA 21-I:11, I(c)(4) as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(4) Supervising the activities and functions of the bureau of planning and management under RSA 21-I:12, II(a).

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 21-I:11, II as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. With reference to the division of procurement and support services and the rulemaking authority of the commissioner in this area, the following definitions shall apply:

Amend RSA 21-I:11-c, I(a)(3) as inserted by section 9 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(3) Has previously provided false, deceptive, or fraudulent information on a vendor code number application form, or any other document submitted to the state of New Hampshire, which information was not corrected as of the time of the filing of a bid, proposal, or quotation; Amend RSA 21-I:17-a, II as inserted by section 17 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Upon the joint recommendation of the commissioner of administrative services and the governing board of any agency, the governor and council, in their discretion, may authorize such governing board, or one or more individuals designated by such governing board to purchase supplies for the agency directly from vendors in such quantities and for such sums as the governor and council shall prescribe; provided, however, that any such authority shall be subject to the limitations of the amounts appropriated and the purposes authorized by the legislature for the agency, and provided further that all such delegations of purchasing authority shall expire on December 31 of the even numbered years. Whenever such purchasing authority is so delegated to any agency, the requirements of ~~[RSA 21-I:11, IV and V,]~~ **RSA 21-I:11, I(a)(3) and (4)** and rules adopted pursuant to RSA 21-I:14, ~~[X]~~ **XII**, shall apply to the governing board or its authorized agent exercising such delegated authority.

Amend RSA 21-I:86, II as inserted by section 32 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the ~~[director of the division of plant and property management]~~ **deputy commissioner of administrative services**, or the ~~[director's]~~ **deputy's** designee, under paragraph I shall appeal to the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, within 30 days of the ~~[director's]~~ **deputy's** determination.

Amend RSA 4:9-e, II(a) as inserted by section 36 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II.(a) The ~~[director of the]~~ **administrator of the** division of plant and property ~~[management]~~ **in the department of administrative services**, subject to the direction and supervision of the commissioner of administrative services, shall act as the custodian of the September 11 memorial, and shall have charge of all matters relating to the care, maintenance, repair, and additions to the memorial.

Amend RSA 9:3-a, IV as inserted by section 40 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. There shall be a governor's advisory committee on the capital budget consisting of the following, or their designees: commissioner of administrative services, ~~[administrator of the bureau]~~ **the manager of the division** of public works design and construction ~~[in the division of plant and property management,]~~ **in the** department of administrative services, chairperson of the senate capital budget committee, and chairperson of the house public works and ~~[highway]~~ **highways** committee. Members of the advisory committee may attend the hearings on capital budget requests, question those testifying, and contribute their opinions.

Amend the bill by replacing section 41 with the following:

41 State Government Waste Reduction. Amend RSA 9-C:1 to read as follows:

9-C:1 Purpose. State government has an obligation to put into practice, as part of its own operations, the interdependent principles of waste reduction, recycling, and recycled products purchase. State agencies shall strive to maximize the application of these principles in their normal operations. This chapter shall apply to all state agencies, as defined in RSA 9-C:2, V, whether or not they are required to make purchases through the division of ~~[plant and property management]~~ **procurement and support services in the department of administrative services**.

Amend the bill by replacing section 47 with the following:

47 Exceptions. Amend RSA 10-B:4, II to read as follows:

II. The governor and council, upon recommendation by the ~~[director of]~~ **administrator of the division of plant and property [management] in the department of administrative services** or other state agency authorized to build, acquire, or lease office space, may suspend the enforcement of all or part of this chapter or any rule adopted under it upon finding that an emergency or hardship exists which makes compliance with the provisions of this chapter unreasonable.

Amend the bill by replacing section 51 with the following:

51 Hillsborough County Competitive Bidding. Amend RSA 28:8-e, VI to read as follows:

VI. Competitive bidding by a department shall not be required if items can be procured through the ~~[division of purchase and property]~~ **state of New Hampshire, department of administrative services, division of procurement and support services** either by direct purchase or from the state supplier at the state price, provided the department files a full report with the county commissioners and with the executive committee.

Amend the bill by replacing section 59 with the following:

59 Department of Transportation. Amend RSA 228:6, IV to read as follows:

IV. Upon request of the ~~[director of plant and property management]~~ **department of administrative services, division of procurement and support services**, inspect and test, and advise the acceptance or rejection of, all materials and supplies purchased by the ~~[division of plant and property management]~~ **division of procurement and support services**.

Amend the bill by replacing section 68 with the following:

68 Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission. Amend RSA 483-E:2, I(e) to read as follows:

(e) The administrator of the ~~[bureau]~~ **division** of public works design and construction **in the department of administrative services**, or designee.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 69 with the following:

70 Provision of Products for State Agencies. Amend RSA 622:28 to read as follows:

622:28 Provision of Products for State Agencies. No articles or supplies, except printing, such as are manufactured at the state prisons or for the state prisons in accordance with arrangements with other prison systems shall be purchased from any other source for the state or its departments or institutions if ~~[the director of plant and property management]~~ **the division of procurement and support services in the department of administrative services** determines that such purchases may be made at fair market value. The commissioner of corrections will advise the ~~[director of plant and property management]~~ **division of procurement and support services in the department of administrative services** as to what articles or supplies are available for purchase and their current prices.

71 Transfer Authority; Construction of Prior Laws, Contracts, and Rules.

I. All provisions of chapter law that remain in effect and refer to the department of administrative services' division of plant and property management shall be construed so as to apply to the appropriate division described in this act. All provisions of chapter law that remain in effect and refer to the division of plant and property management's bureau of public works design and construction, including but not limited to 2005, 291:1, V, shall be construed so as to apply to the department of administrative services' division of public works design and construction.

II. Rules and procedures which relate to the division of plant and property management shall be construed so as to apply to the appropriate divisions described in this act. Subject to the foregoing, administrative rules adopted by the commissioner of administrative services as to functions performed by, within or through the division of plant and property management shall remain in effect and continue in effect until repealed, amended, replaced, expired, or superseded by rules adopted by the commissioner of administrative services.

III. Any and all documents entered into by the division of plant and property management or any of its subunits, including but not limited to contracts, agreements, requests for proposals, requests for bids, requests for quotes, purchase orders, and other items shall be construed to apply to the appropriate division established under this act.

72 Transfer of Authority under RSA 21-I:11 and RSA 21-I:12. Pursuant to RSA 21-I:11 and RSA 21-I:12, as repealed and reenacted in sections 6 and 10 of this act, all powers, duties, and obligations of the division of plant and property management, and all bureaus or other subunits within the division, shall be transferred to the newly established divisions and their subunits without interruption or delay on the effective date of this act. The transfer shall include, but not be limited to, all personnel, equipment, and funding of the former division of plant and property management and its subunits. The department of administrative services may make such changes to the accounting structure and budgetary allocations for the biennium ending June 30, 2015 as it concludes are necessary or appropriate to effectuate and accommodate the changes made by this act.

73 Department of Information Technology; Position of Deputy Commissioner Established. Amend RSA 21-R:3 to read as follows:

21-R:3 Commissioner; ***Deputy Commissioner***; Directors; Compensation.

I. The commissioner of the department of information technology shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, and shall serve for a term of 4 years. The commissioner shall be academically and technically qualified to hold the position, and shall be known as the chief information officer. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

I-a. The commissioner of the department of information technology shall nominate for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the executive council, a deputy commissioner of the department of information technology, who shall serve for a term of 4 years and shall be qualified to hold that position by reason of education and experience. The deputy commissioner shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the commissioner, which may include, but not be limited to, the authority and power with approval of the commissioner to direct and supervise the operation and administration of any division of the department.

II.(a) The commissioner shall nominate the following division directors for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the council:

- (1) The director of operations.
- (2) The director of technical support services.
- (3) The director of web support.
- (4) The director of agency software.

(b) Division directors shall serve for a term of 4 years and shall be qualified by reason of professional competence, education, and experience.

III. The salaries of the commissioner, ***deputy commissioner***, and division directors shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

74 Salary of Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology. The salary of the deputy commissioner of the department of information technology established in section 73 of this act shall be determined after assessment and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) for the position which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Upon completion of this action and appointment of the deputy commissioner, position 9U451 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of this unclassified position with its available appropriations into the unclassified position of deputy commissioner.

75 Applicability. Section 73 of this act shall take effect upon the abolition of position 9U451, the transfer of funding and appropriation to the unclassified position and the initial appointment of the deputy commissioner of the department of information technology, as certified by the commissioner of the department of information technology to the director of legislative services.

76 Effective Date.

I. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 4 of this act.

II. Section 73 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 75 of this act.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2014-0684s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Reorganizes the department of administrative services, division of plant and property management into 3 divisions: the division of procurement and support services, the division of plant and property, and the division of public works design and construction.

II. Establishes the position of deputy commissioner of the department of information technology.

Senate Judiciary
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05/01

Amendment to SB 253

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship in Cases of Sexual Assault. Amend RSA 170-C by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

170-C:5-a Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship in Cases of Sexual Assault. A petition for termination of the parent-child relationship shall be granted in cases where the child's birth is the result of sexual assault of the birth mother and where termination of the parent-child relationship is in the best interests of the child. This section shall apply to a person who has been found to be the father of a child and who:

I. Has been convicted of or who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to a violation of sexual assault as defined in RSA 632-A:2 through RSA 632-A:4, or a similar statute in another state against the birth mother for his conduct in fathering the child; or

II. At a fact-finding hearing, is found beyond a reasonable doubt to have fathered the child through an act of non-consensual sexual penetration.

Public and Municipal Affairs
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2014-0693s
03/09

Amendment to SB 347

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Local Ordinance Citations. Amend RSA 31:39-d by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

IX-a. For any offense that is subject to enforcement under RSA 676:17, a person who fails to respond to a citation under this section within the time stated in the citation shall be subject to the subsequent offense penalties of RSA 676:17.

2 Local Ordinance Citations. Amend RSA 31:39-d, X to read as follows:

X. This section shall not apply to ~~[offenses that are subject to enforcement under RSA 676]~~ **violations of the New Hampshire building code as defined in RSA 155-A:1, IV**, or to motor vehicle offenses under title XXI or any local law enacted thereunder.

3 New Section; Failure to File; Penalty. Amend RSA 540 by inserting after section 1-b the following new section:

540:1-c Penalty. The governing body of a municipality may establish a fine not to exceed \$100 for the failure to file a statement designating an agent for service of process as required under RSA 540:1-b. Any such fine may be collected in the same manner as a fine for violation of a municipal ordinance, and shall be for the use of the municipality.

4 Landlord's Agent Required. Amend RSA 540:1-b, I to read as follows:

I. An owner of restricted property, as defined in RSA 540:1-a, II, who resides within the state of New Hampshire shall, within 30 days of becoming the owner or within 30 days of the effective date of this section, whichever occurs later, file a statement with the town or city clerk of the municipality in which the property is located that provides the name, address, and telephone number of a person within the state who is authorized to accept service of process for any legal proceeding brought against the owner relating to the restricted property. Such person authorized to accept service may be the owner of the premises. ***This section shall not apply to manufactured housing parks as defined in RSA 205-A:1, II.***

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

Senate Judiciary
February 25, 2014
2014-0716s
05/06

Amendment to SB 353

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to update New Hampshire's surrogacy law to reflect advances in assisted reproduction technologies and updated surrogacy laws that have been enacted across the United States, and to meet the needs of individuals who wish to become parents, but physically cannot for whatever reason. Assisted reproductive technologies allow for the possibility of parenthood that otherwise would not be available for these individuals. In addition, families, who are looking for an appealing alternative to adoption due to their desire to have a child with the same genetic makeup of one, or both, of the intended parents, are increasingly looking to assisted reproductive technologies. There have been significant advancements in assisted reproductive technologies over the past few decades, and these technologies are rapidly growing in both use and acceptance, so much so that surrogacy is almost considered commonplace. However, despite the fact that the needs of families have been increasingly met through assisted reproductive technologies, specifically gestational surrogacy, our laws have not kept pace with advancing technology. As our society changes regarding opportunities for parenthood, it is important that New Hampshire's governing law keeps pace and remains relevant to the needs of New Hampshire's families. Currently in New Hampshire, there is unclear and complicated guidance for individuals who wish to benefit from assisted reproductive technologies and gestational surrogacy, and the present statute creates unnecessary encumbrances for those who wish to use advancements in assisted reproductive technologies for the creation of their families, so that such technologies are not utilized. In order to codify current best legal practices regarding gestational surrogacy arrangements, this act:

I. Ensures that there is appropriate and clear statutory language that establishes updated and consistent standards and procedural safeguards for the protection of all parties to gestational carrier arrangements and agreements, and to facilitate the use of assisted reproductive technologies in our society and in accordance with the public policy of this state;

II. Defines, confirms, and protects the legal status and best interests of children born as a result of gestational carrier arrangements and agreements prior to birth;

III. Protects the legal rights of intended parents in gestational carrier arrangements and agreements;

IV. Ensures that all parties in gestational carrier arrangements are legally protected and entering into gestational carrier agreements with the same rights, expectations, and responsibilities; and

V. Standardizes the minimum components of gestational carrier agreements, and recognizes that written gestational carrier agreements are valid and enforceable legal contracts.

2 Surrogacy. RSA 168-B is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 168-B **SURROGACY**

168-B:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Artificial insemination" means the introduction of semen into a women's vagina, cervical canal, or uterus through extracorporeal or noncoital means.

II. "Assisted reproduction" means a method of causing pregnancy other than sexual intercourse. The term includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Artificial insemination.
- (b) Donation of eggs.
- (c) Donation of embryos.
- (d) In-vitro fertilization and transfer of embryos.
- (e) Intracytoplasmic sperm injection.

III. “Compensation” means payment of any reasonable, valuable consideration to the gestational carrier.

IV. “Court” means that superior court in the county where the gestational carrier resides, where the intended parent or parents reside, or where the resulting child is born or is expected to be born, unless otherwise indicated in this chapter or by the gestational carrier agreement.

V. “Donor” means an individual who contributes a gamete or gametes or an embryo or embryos for the purpose of assisted reproduction with no claim or claims to present or future parental rights and obligations to any resulting child.

VI. “Embryo” means the fertilized egg.

VII. “Embryo transfer” means all medical and laboratory procedures that are necessary to effectuate the transfer of an embryo into the uterine cavity.

VIII. “Gamete” means either the ovum (egg) or the spermatozoa (sperm).

IX. “Gestational carrier” means a woman who is neither an intended parent nor a donor, who agrees to become pregnant with a child, to whom she is not genetically related, by assisted reproduction and pursuant to a gestational carrier arrangement.

X. “Gestational carrier agreement” means a written contract between the gestational carrier, her spouse or partner, if any, and the intended parent or parents, that sets forth the obligations, rights, and duties of the parties to a gestational carrier arrangement.

XI. “Gestational carrier arrangement” means the process by which a gestational carrier attempts to become pregnant with a child through assisted reproduction using the gamete or gametes provided by the intended parent or parents and/or donor or donors, which may or may not be genetically related to the intended parent or parents, and to which the gestational carrier has made no genetic contribution, and carry and give birth to such a child with the intention that the child will be solely the legal child of the intended parent(s).

XII. “Health care provider” means a person who is duly licensed, certified, authorized, or registered under the laws of the state to provide health care, and includes all medical, psychological, counseling, and social work professionals.

XIII. “Intended parent” means a person who intends to become a parent of any child that results from a gestational carrier agreement. This term shall include intended mothers, intended fathers, or a combination of both. In the case of a married couple, any reference to an intended parent shall include both spouses for all purposes of this chapter.

XIV. “In vitro fertilization” means all medical and laboratory procedures that are necessary to effectuate the extracorporeal combining of egg and sperm and the resulting fertilization of the egg.

XV. “Mental health consultation” means an in-person meeting with a licensed mental health professional for the purposes of educating the participants about the effects and potential consequences of their participation in a gestational carrier arrangement, and of evaluating any potential psychological issues and risks posed by a party to a gestational carrier arrangement, including, but not limited to, the intended parent or parents or the gestational carrier’s mental health, external and environmental factors, ability to manage relationships, potential attachment issues, and ability to carry out his or her obligations, rights, and duties under a gestational carrier arrangement.

XVI. “Mental health professional” means an individual who:

(a) Holds a masters or doctoral degree in the field of psychiatry, psychology, counseling, social work, psychiatric nursing, or marriage and family therapy; and

(b) Is duly licensed, certified, authorized, or registered under the laws of a state to practice in the mental health field.

168-B:2 Parent-Child Relationship.

I. A person is the parent of a child to whom she has given birth, except as otherwise provided in this chapter and if the pregnancy was established pursuant to a gestational carrier arrangement.

II. A person is the parent of a child conceived via assisted reproduction if the person, except when acting in the capacity of a donor, consents to the performance of assisted reproduction or provides a gamete or gametes or an embryo or embryos for use in the assisted reproduction.

III. A donor is not a parent of a child conceived through assisted reproduction.

IV. If a child is conceived via assisted reproduction after the death of the person referenced in paragraph II, consent to assisted reproduction shall be deemed valid only if the person had consented in writing prior to death that if assisted reproduction were to occur after death, the deceased individual would be a parent of the child.

V. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person is presumed to be the parent of a child if:

(a) The child is born to a person's spouse during the marriage, or within 300 days after the marriage is terminated for any reason, or after a decree of separation is entered by the court.

(b) Before the child's birth, the person and the child's other parent have attempted to marry each other by a marriage solemnized in apparent compliance with the law, although the attempted marriage is or could be declared void, voidable, or otherwise invalid; and

(1) If the attempted marriage could be declared invalid only by a court, the child is born during the attempted marriage, or within 300 days after its termination for any reason; or

(2) If the attempted marriage is invalid without a court order, the child is born within 300 days after the termination of cohabitation.

(c) After the child's birth, the person and the child's other parent have married, or attempted to marry each other by a marriage solemnized in apparent compliance with the law, although the attempted marriage is or could be declared void, voidable, or otherwise invalid; and

(1) The person has acknowledged parentage of the child in a writing filed with the appropriate court or state agency;

(2) With the person's consent, the person is named as the child's parent on the birth certificate; or

(3) The person is obligated to support the child under a written voluntary promise or by court order.

(d) While the child is under the age of majority, the person receives the child into the person's home and openly holds out the child as that person's child.

VI. A presumption under paragraph V may be rebutted in an appropriate action only by clear and convincing evidence. The existence of the parent-child relationship presumed under paragraph V shall not, however, be rebutted by evidence that the child was conceived by means of assisted reproduction, so long as the presumptive parent complies with the requirements of paragraph II. In the absence of such compliance, a presumptive parent's consent shall be conclusively presumed by such parent's failure to object to the parent-child relationship by filing an action to dispute parentage within 30 days after the child's birth. If 2 or more presumptions of parentage arise that conflict with each other, the presumption that on the facts is founded on the weightier considerations of policy and logic controls. The presumption shall be rebutted by a court decree establishing parentage of the child with another person.

168-B:3 Legitimacy. If, under the provisions of this chapter, a parent-child relationship is created between 2 persons, the child shall be considered, for all purposes of law, the legitimate child of the parent.

168-B:4 Effect of Noncompliance. Noncompliance with the requirements of this chapter shall not affect the determination of parenthood under this chapter.

168-B:5 Parental Status of a Gestational Carrier and Her Spouse or Partner, If Any. Neither a gestational carrier nor her spouse or partner, if any, shall be a parent of a child conceived as a result of assisted reproduction and a gestational carrier arrangement.

168-B:6 Parental Status of a Donor. A donor shall not be a parent of a child conceived as a result of assisted reproduction and a gestational carrier arrangement.

168-B:7 Parental Status of the Intended Parent. A child conceived as a result of assisted reproduction and a gestational carrier arrangement shall be the child solely of the intended parent or parents. The parental rights of physical custody shall vest with the intended parent or parents immediately upon the birth of the child.

168-B:8 Rights and Responsibilities of Intended Parent. An intended parent of any child resulting from assisted reproduction and a gestational carrier arrangement shall meet each of the following requirements prior to any medical procedures to impregnate the gestational carrier:

I. He, she, or they have completed a mental health consultation.

II. He, she, or they have undergone legal consultation with independent legal counsel regarding the terms of the gestational carrier agreement and have been advised of the potential legal consequences of the gestational carrier agreement.

168-B:9 Eligibility of a Gestational Carrier. Prior to any medical procedures to impregnate the gestational carrier, a woman, intending to be a gestational carrier, shall meet all of the following requirements:

I. She is at least 21 years of age.

II. She has given birth to at least one child.

III. She has completed a physical medical evaluation, in substantial conformance with the guidelines set forth by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, relating to the anticipated pregnancy.

IV. She has completed a mental health consultation

V. She, and her spouse or partner, if any, have undergone legal consultation with independent legal counsel regarding the terms of the gestational carrier agreement and have been advised of the potential legal consequences of the gestational carrier agreement.

168-B:10 Enforceability of Gestational Carrier Agreement. To best protect all parties entering into a gestational carrier arrangement, a gestational carrier agreement shall meet the minimum requirements under RSA 168-B:11. A gestational carrier agreement that conforms to these requirements is a legal contract that is presumed to be valid and enforceable and is legally enforceable by the court. The parties to a gestational carrier agreement may petition the court for an order affirming the status of a gestational carrier agreement. The court shall issue such an order upon a finding that the agreement meets the minimum requirements under RSA 168-B:11.

168-B:11 Requirements for a Gestational Carrier Agreement. A gestational carrier agreement shall meet all of the following minimum requirements:

I. It shall be in writing.

II. It shall be executed prior to the commencement of any medical procedures to impregnate the gestational carrier.

III. All parties shall be represented by legal counsel regarding the gestational carrier agreement and the gestational carrier and her spouse or partner, if any, shall have legal counsel that is separate and independent from the legal counsel for the intended parents.

IV. It shall expressly provide for the following:

(a) The express written agreement of the gestational carrier to:

(1) Undergo embryo transfer, become pregnant by means of assisted reproduction, and attempt to carry and give birth to the resulting child;

(2) Relinquish all rights, obligations, and duties as a parent of the resulting child; and

(3) Surrender physical custody of the resulting child to the intended parent or parents immediately upon birth of the child.

(b) The express written agreement of the gestational carrier's spouse or partner, if any, if such spouse or partner is a party to the agreement, to abide by the obligations imposed on the spouse or partner pursuant to the terms of the gestational carrier agreement, including, but not limited to, the relinquishment of all rights, obligations, and duties as a parent of the resulting child.

(c) The express written agreement of the intended parent or parents to:

(1) Accept sole rights, obligations, and duties as parent or parents of the resulting child;

(2) Accept sole physical custody of the resulting child immediately upon birth, regardless of number, gender, and/or physical or mental condition; and

(3) Assume sole responsibility for the support of the resulting child immediately upon birth.

(d) The express written agreement of all parties as to how reasonable compensation, if any, shall be paid to the gestational carrier, including, but not limited to, payment of the gestational carrier's reasonable medical, counseling, legal, and/or other expenses related to the gestational carrier arrangement.

(e) The express written agreement of all parties as to how, if the gestational carrier breaches a provision of this chapter or of the gestational carrier agreement, and such a breach causes harm to the resulting child, the gestational carrier will cover her potential liability for such harm, pursuant to RSA 168-B:18.

168-B:12 Parentage Orders.

I. Any of the parties to a gestational carrier agreement may petition the circuit court for a parentage order declaring that the intended parent or parents are the sole parents of a child resulting from assisted reproduction and a gestational carrier arrangement, and that the gestational carrier and her spouse or partner, if any, are not the parent or parents of such a child. Such a petition may be brought in the circuit court in the county where the gestational carrier resides, where the intended parent or parents reside, or where the resulting child is born or is expected to be born. Such a petition may be brought either before, during, or subsequent to the pregnancy. The court shall, within 30 days, grant the petition upon a finding that the parties have substantially complied with the requirements of this chapter pertaining to the execution of a gestational carrier agreement. Sworn affidavits demonstrating substantial compliance shall be sufficient to permit such a finding and a hearing shall not be required unless the court requires additional information which cannot reasonably be ascertained without a hearing. In the absence of such substantial compliance, the court may in its discretion issue such parentage order upon a finding that the parties intended to enter into a gestational carrier arrangement and the best interests of the child would be met by permitting parentage to be established in this manner. Such parentage orders issued under this section shall conclusively establish or affirm, where applicable, the parent-child relationship.

II. Upon the request of any party, such parentage order shall direct that the certificate of birth name the intended parent or parents as the sole parent or parents of the resulting child and that such a certificate of birth shall not name the gestational carrier or her spouse or partner, if any, as the parent or parents of the resulting child.

III. All proceedings pursuant to this section shall be closed to the public, and papers and records pertaining to such proceedings shall be subject to inspection only upon consent of all the parties or upon a showing of good cause supported by a court order.

168-B:13 Marriage or Partnership of a Gestational Carrier During the Gestational Carrier Arrangement. The marriage or partnership of a gestational carrier after she executes a gestational carrier agreement does not affect the validity or the terms of the gestational carrier agreement, and her spouse or partner shall not be a parent of the resulting child.

168-B:14 Intestate and Testate Succession. Subject to the provisions of RSA 168-B:15, a child shall be considered a child only of his or her parent or parents and the parent or parents shall be considered the parent or parents of the child, as determined for the purposes of:

I. Intestate succession.

II. Taking against the will of any person.

III. Taking under the will of any person, unless such will provides otherwise.

IV. Being entitled to any support or similar allowance during the administration of a parent's estate.

168-B:15 Death of the Intended Parent or Parents.

I. Prior to any embryo transfer pursuant to the gestational carrier arrangement, the intended parent or parents shall make guardianship provisions for the prospective child by amending their existing estate planning documents, or by executing estate planning documents containing such provisions if they have no existing estate planning documents.

II. In the event that the intended parent or parents predecease the birth of the resulting child, the terms and conditions of the gestational carrier agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the resulting child shall be delivered into the sole care and custody of the guardian nominated in the estate planning documents of the intended parent or parents, or of the guardian designated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, if both parents are deceased, or into the sole care and custody of the surviving intended parent if only one of the 2 intended parents is deceased.

III. Any child conceived by assisted reproduction and pursuant to the terms of the gestational carrier agreement shall have all testamentary and inheritance rights from the intended parent or parents, and shall have no testamentary or inheritance rights from the gestational carrier and her spouse or partner, if any. The intended parent or parents shall have testamentary and inheritance rights from the resulting child as parents.

168-B:16 Noncompliance. Noncompliance by the gestational carrier, the gestational carrier's spouse or partner, if any, or by the intended parent or parents occurs when that party breaches a provision of this chapter and/or a provision of the gestational carrier agreement.

168-B:17 Effect of Noncompliance. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in the event of a party's noncompliance with the requirements of this chapter and/or with a provision of the gestational carrier agreement, the court shall determine the respective rights and obligations of the parties, unless the gestational carrier agreement provides otherwise.

168-B:18 Remedies.

I. Except as expressly provided in the gestational carrier agreement, the intended parent or parents shall be entitled to all remedies available at law or equity.

II. Except as expressly provided in the gestational carrier agreement, the gestational carrier shall be entitled to all remedies available at law or equity.

III. A breach of a provision of this chapter and/or of the gestational carrier agreement by the intended parent or parents, after the gestational carrier is impregnated, shall not relieve such intended parent or parents of the intended parent or parents obligations imposed by this chapter.

IV. In the event of a breach of a provision of this chapter and/or of the gestational carrier agreement by the intended parent or parents, after the gestational carrier is impregnated, the gestational carrier shall be entitled to receive all compensation and other moneys due to the gestational carrier under the gestational carrier agreement.

V. A breach of a provision of this chapter and/or of the gestational carrier agreement by the gestational carrier, after the gestational carrier is impregnated, shall not relieve the gestational carrier of her obligations imposed by this chapter.

VI. If the gestational carrier breaches a provision of this chapter and/or of the gestational carrier agreement, and such a breach causes harm to the resulting child, the gestational carrier may be liable for payment of the resulting child's medical expenses not otherwise covered by the intended parent's or parents' insurance.

168-B:19 Irrevocability. No action to invalidate a gestational carrier agreement meeting the requirements of this chapter or to challenge the rights of parentage established pursuant to this chapter for a gestational carrier arrangement shall commence once the pregnancy is established.

168-B:20 Rulemaking. The department of health and human services shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, to carry out its duties under this chapter. Until such time as the department of health and human services adopts rules pursuant to this section, medical evaluations, mental health consultations, and other procedures required under this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant sections of guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technologies (SART), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

168-B:21 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.

3 Effective Date. This chapter shall take effect upon its passage.

Commerce
February 19, 2014
2014-0635s
08/04

Amendment to SB 361

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the licensing requirements for mortgage bankers and brokers.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Mortgage Bankers and Brokers; License Required. Amend RSA 397-A:3, V(b)(4)-(5) to read as follows:

(4) Files and maintains a bond in accordance with RSA 397-A:5, III(c) to cover the business conducted by its originators; ~~and~~

(5) Licenses its originators in this state through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry; **and**

(6) Cooperates with and provides access to records and documents required by the commissioner to carry out examinations of its licensed originators' activities in accordance with RSA 397-A:12.

2 New Paragraph; Mortgage Bankers and Brokers; License Required. Amend RSA 397-A:3 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. For purposes of licensing its mortgage loan originators in this state, other entities and financial institutions not otherwise required to be licensed under this chapter may voluntarily make a filing on the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry as an exempt entity and in such case shall comply with subparagraphs V(b)(1), (3), (4), (5), and (6).

3 Mortgage Bankers and Brokers; Prohibitions. Amend RSA 397-A:3-a, III to read as follows:

III. No individual may act as a ~~[mortgage banker or broker]~~ ***principal*** for more than one mortgage broker, mortgage servicer, mortgage banker, or other financial institution at the same time, unless the entities are affiliates.

4 Mortgage Bankers and Brokers; License Application; Requirements. Amend RSA 397-A:5, IV-c(b)(1)(B)-(C) to read as follows:

(B) Three hours of ethics, which shall include instruction on fraud, consumer protection, and fair lending issues; ~~and~~

(C) Two hours of training related to lending standards for the nontraditional mortgage product marketplace; and

(D) Two hours of New Hampshire mortgage law education if the person did not previously pass a written test specific to New Hampshire mortgage laws; and

5 Mortgage Bankers and Brokers; Lending Practices. Amend RSA 397-A:14, I to read as follows:

I. Any first mortgage loan, ***other than a reverse mortgage***, made under the provisions of this chapter shall provide for the computation of interest on a simple interest basis.

6 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2014-0635s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes various changes to the statutes relative to the licensing of mortgage bankers and brokers.

Senate Judiciary

February 25, 2014

2014-0714s

10/04

Amendment to SB 389

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the enforcement of motor vehicle laws by officers of the fish and game department.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Fish and Game; Powers; Motor Vehicle Laws. Amend RSA 206:26 by inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:

XV. To enforce all provisions of RSA title XXI relative to motor vehicle laws.

2 Fish and Game Officers; Prohibition Deleted. Amend RSA 206:26-b, II to read as follows:

II. The executive director and each conservation officer shall not:

- (a) Serve civil processes; or
- (b) Act or be used or called upon for service within any town in any industrial dispute unless actual violence has occurred, and then only upon order of the governor[-or
- (c) ~~Have general power to enforce any provision of RSA title XXI relative to motor vehicles].~~

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2014-0714s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the fish and game officers to enforce the motor vehicle laws.

Senate Judiciary

February 21, 2014

2014-0707s

05/10

Amendment to SB 390

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT prohibiting discrimination against employees who are victims of domestic violence and establishing a committee to study the protection of employees from domestic violence.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Subdivision; Protection of Employees from Domestic Violence. Amend RSA 275 by inserting after section 70 the following new subdivision:

Protection from Domestic Violence

275:71 Prohibited Conduct by Employer. It is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to:

I. Refuse to hire an otherwise qualified individual because the individual is a victim of domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, or stalking.

II. Discharge, threaten to discharge, demote, suspend, or in any manner discriminate or retaliate against an individual with regard to promotion, compensation or other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the individual is a victim of domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, or stalking.

275:72 Penalty. Any employer who violates this subdivision shall be subject to a civil penalty, to be imposed by the labor commissioner in accordance with the procedures established in RSA 273:11-a. An employer aggrieved by the commissioner's assessment of such penalty may appeal in accordance with RSA 273:11-c.

2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the protection of employees from domestic violence.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

- (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

III. The committee shall study how state laws, rules, and employment practices may be used to protect employees who are victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, or criminal harassment.

IV. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

V. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2014-0707s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits employers from discriminating against employees who are victims of domestic violence. The bill also establishes a committee to study the protection of employees from domestic violence.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

February 20, 2014

2014-0687s

08/09

Amendment to SB 405

Amend RSA 310-A:189-a, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Any person engaged in the installation of radon mitigation devices in New Hampshire shall hold a current certification from either the National Radon Proficiency Program offered by the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists or the National Radon Safety Board.

Health, Education and Human Services

February 19, 2014

2014-0651s

01/04

Amendment to SB 413-FN-A

Amend RSA 126-A:5, XXIII(a) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XXIII.(a) The commissioner shall provide access to the health insurance premium payment (HIPP) program established by the department pursuant to section 1906 of the Social Security Act of 1935 to Medicaid newly eligible adults from 0 – 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) who are eligible for medical assistance under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i) (“newly eligible adults”) and their spouse and dependents if applicable until December 31, 2016 to maximize the use of private insurance and available federal assistance. All newly eligible adults who have access to qualified employer sponsored insurance either directly as an employee or indirectly through another individual who is eligible for qualified employer sponsored insurance, shall be required to participate in the HIPP program in order to receive medical assistance, if eligible and determined by the department to be cost effective as required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Amend RSA 126-A:5, XXIV(e) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(e) For coverage under the voluntary bridge to marketplace premium assistance program, the commissioner shall negotiate an amendment to its existing managed care contracts to provide new private insurance plans which will qualify for this program. Alternative benefit plans shall reimburse at rates that are sufficient to ensure improved access to and quality of care. Such plans shall maximize to the extent allowable wellness programs, cost-sharing mechanisms, and disincentives for inappropriate emergency room use.

Amend RSA 126-A:5, XXV(a) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XXV.(a) Consistent with the time frames in this paragraph, there is hereby established the marketplace premium assistance program. This will be a premium assistance program for newly eligible adults and their eligible spouse and dependents, if applicable, who are ineligible for the HIPP program established in RSA 126-A:5, XXIII until December 31, 2016 and shall be administered by the department of health and human services. In order to receive medical assistance from the program, newly eligible adults who are ineligible for the HIPP program shall choose from any qualified health plans (QHPs) offered on the federally-facilitated exchange if cost effective; provided, however, that any newly eligible adult who had coverage under an alter-

native benefit plan (ABP) offered by a managed care organization (MCO) under paragraph XIX during the voluntary bridge to marketplace premium assistance program established under RSA 126-A:5, XXIV shall be automatically enrolled at the beginning of open enrollment in a comparable QHP by that same MCO if one is available unless, such newly eligible adult subsequently chooses a different QHP during the enrollment period. If a comparable QHP is not offered by the newly eligible adult's MCO then the newly eligible adult may choose from any QHPs, if cost effective. Provider payments shall be in an amount which shall be no less than before the effective date of this paragraph.

Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

10 Applicability. If at any time the federal match rate applied to medical assistance for newly eligible adults under RSA 126-A:5, XXIII-XXV between July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016 is less than 100 percent as set forth in 42 U.S.C. section 1396d(y)(1), then RSA 126-A:5, XXIII, XXIV, and XXV shall immediately be repealed upon notification by the commissioner of the department of health and human services to the secretary of state and the director of legislative services.

HEARINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

COMMERCE, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Sanborn (C), Sen. Bradley (VC), Sen. Cataldo, Sen. Hosmer, Sen. Pierce

1:00 p.m. **SB 421**, establishing a committee to study timely consumer access to prescription drugs under the managed care law.

1:15 p.m. **SB 422**, relative to the definition of pharmacy benefit manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Forrester (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Bragdon, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Morse, Sen. Odell

1:00 p.m. **SB 415-FN**, transferring surplus revenues to the revenue stabilization reserve account.

1:15 p.m. **SB 416-FN-A**, relative to highway fund appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Stiles (C), Sen. Reagan (VC), Sen. Gilmour, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Sanborn

9:00 a.m. Presentation regarding post-secondary education.

9:30 a.m. **SB 414-FN**, relative to Medicaid-funded services provided as a part of a child's individualized education program.

10:15 a.m. **SB 368-FN**, increasing the maximum fine for lead remediation.

10:35 a.m. **SB 326-L**, relative to procedural requirements for certain residents of nursing and assisted living facilities.

10:55 a.m. **SB 380**, requiring an insurer participating in the health exchange to include access to a hospital in each county of the state.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Lasky (VC), Sen. Boutin, Sen. Cataldo, Sen. Soucy

9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

RULES, ENROLLED BILLS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 100, SH

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Bragdon (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Fuller Clark

1:00 p.m. **SB 314**, establishing an independent legislative redistricting commission.

1:15 p.m. **CACR 17**, relating to natural rights. Providing that discrimination based on sexual orientation is prohibited.

- 1:30 p.m. **CACR 19**, relating to dedicated funds. Providing that dedicated funds shall be used solely for the purpose of the fund.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 307**, establishing a committee to review Citizens United amendments to the United States Constitution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 103, SH

Sen. Odell (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Hosmer, Sen. Morse, Sen. Rausch

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 335-FN**, establishing a credit against the business profits tax for donations to a regional vocational education center.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 335-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 21ST)

- 9:15 a.m. **SB 369-FN-A**, relative to the Medicaid enhancement tax.

- 9:30 a.m. **SB 420-FN-A**, reducing the rates of the business profits tax and business enterprise tax.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Odell (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Woodburn

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 325-FN-L**, relative to oil spill preparedness and response.

- 9:15 a.m. **SB 281-FN**, relative to the siting of wind turbines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Cataldo (VC), Sen. Reagan, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Watters

- 9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Boutin (C), Sen. Forrester (VC), Sen. Lasky, Sen. Pierce, Sen. Stiles

- 9:30 a.m. **SB 374**, establishing a commission to review and make recommendations to standardize and make uniform the definitions of "domicile" and "residency" in state statutes.

- 9:45 a.m. **SB 228**, relative to notice of changes to zoning and historic districts.

- 10:15 a.m. **SB 344**, relative to New Hampshire cable franchises.

- 10:45 a.m. **SB 418**, relative to the proclamation of firefighters memorial day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Odell (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Woodburn

- 2:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

RULES, ENROLLED BILLS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Bragdon (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Fuller Clark

- 1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Lasky (VC), Sen. Boutin, Sen. Cataldo, Sen. Soucy

- 9:00 a.m. Hearing on proposed non-germane amendment #2014-0510s to SB 293, relative to an open adoption agreement in a pending termination of parental rights case. (*Amendment Title: SB 293, relative to arrangements between adoptive and birth parents.*)

9:30 a.m. **SB 419**, establishing a medical malpractice panel and insurance oversight committee.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Cataldo (VC), Sen. Reagan, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Watters

9:00 a.m. **SB 399**, relative to competitive bidding and procurement by state agencies.

10:00 a.m. **SB 391**, relative to the juvenile justice advisory board and relative to the policies and procedures of the youth development center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)

9:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Regular Board Meeting
 109 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO GOVERNOR JOHN GILBERT WINANT ON STATE PROPERTY OTHER THAN THE STATE HOUSE GROUNDS (HB 262, Chapter 120, Laws of 2013)

10:00 a.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

STATE PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 216-A:3-k)

1:00 p.m. Department of Resources & Regular Meeting
 Economic Development
 172 Pembroke Road
 Concord, NH

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

2:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

2:30 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLES OF SHOALS 400TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL (HB 25, Chapter 195:45, Laws of 2013)

3:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY AND UPDATE THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:11)

3:00 p.m. Room 104, LOB Regular Meeting

JOINT HEALTH CARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 420-N:3)

4:00 p.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1)

4:00 p.m. Room 206, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014**NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)**

2:00 p.m. Walker Building, Room 100 Regular Meeting
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN/STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (RSA 186-C:3-b)

4:30 p.m. NH Department of Education Regular Meeting
Londergan Hall, Room 15
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Continued Meeting

COUNCIL FOR YOUTHS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS (RSA 126-J:1)

12:00 p.m. Upham-Walker House Regular Meeting
18 Park Street
Concord, NH

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

1:00 p.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Special Meeting regarding tabled
item FIS 14-014

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 4-E:2)

1:30 p.m. Rooms 302-304, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c)**

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 188-E:21)

3:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014**COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION LAWS AND PROCEDURES (HB 521, Chapter 220, Laws of 2013)**

10:00 a.m. Room 308, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014**STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)**

9:30 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

10:00 a.m. Room 208, LOB Child and Family Services
Subcommittee Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

3:00 p.m.	Folsom Tavern	Quarterly Meeting
	164 Water Street	
	Exeter, NH	

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

2:00 p.m.	Room 205, LOB	Long Term Care Subcommittee Meeting
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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014

COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION LAWS AND PROCEDURES (HB 521, Chapter 220, Laws of 2013)

10:00 a.m.	Room 308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF SERVICE-CONNECTED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUFFERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS (RSA 115-D:1)

2:30 p.m.	Room 203, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 210-211, LOB	Regular Business
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GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

1:00 p.m.	Room 101, LOB	Regular Meeting
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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION LAWS AND PROCEDURES (HB 521, Chapter 220, Laws of 2013)

10:00 a.m.	Room 308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SB 196-FN, relative to the definition of push-polling.

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2014 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 3, 65, 66, 91, 116, 120, 125, 141, 149, 151, 154, 180, 181, 190, 193, 196, 213, 215, 235, 238, 259, 262, 264, 317, 318, 321, 331, 414

HOUSE BILLS: 118, 226, 255, 439, 466, 489, 584, 597, 624, 649, 657, 1335

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NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

In connection with Informal Resolution of an Ethics Complaint, the Legislative Ethics Committee has recently issued a Letter of Caution, regarding restrictions on a sitting legislator's seeking or acceptance of employment by an employer, where the employer is or likely to become subject to or interested in a legislative matter. This Notice is offered to better inform legislators about those restrictions.

Knowingly seeking or accepting such employment may violate Legislative Ethics Guidelines, Section 4, Prohibited Activities. Accepting compensation for such employment may violate RSA 15-B:3, prohibiting acceptance of "gifts."

These violations cannot be avoided or excused by filing a Declaration of a conflict of interest under Section 5 of the Guidelines. Section 5 Declarations are effective only to permit legislators the option to participate or recuse in particular official activities that could involve a financial conflict of interest, as defined in Guidelines Section 2. They do not relate to the broader forms of conduct described in Guidelines Section 4, which are absolutely prohibited and cannot be "declared away" by use of Section 5.

Similarly, use of Section 5 Declarations cannot absolve legislators from complying with the prohibition on acceptance of gifts in RSA 15-B:3, III.

If members are in doubt about the applicability of a provision of the ethics statutes or Guidelines to a specific factual situation, they are, of course, entitled to submit to the Committee a request for an Advisory Opinion. Also, members are reminded that the Committee's website contains current information about the ethics statutes and Guidelines, and actions the Committee has taken to interpret, apply and enforce them. The website is viewable at <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/ethics/default.htm>

Martin L. Gross, Chairman
Representative Janet G. Wall, Vice Chairman
Representative Jordan G. Ulery
Senator Jim Rausch
Senator Martha Fuller Clark
Attorney Wilfred L. Sanders, Jr.
Mr. David A. Welch

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

Ski NH cordially invites all members of the New Hampshire Senate and the staff to their Winterfest Reception to be held Wednesday, March 5th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

Legislative Breakfast – The annual Water's Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for Wednesday March 5th at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. Check in for the event begins at 7:00 a.m. with a breakfast buffet. During the breakfast water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. Maintaining high quality water resources in New Hampshire is critical to our health and economy. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire's water infrastructure. There is no cost for this event.

Please RSVP to nhwpca.linda@gmail.com by February 28th to reserve your seat at this important breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with a wide ranging coalition of other local non-profit water organizations. There is no cost for enjoying breakfast with your peers and attending this event.

Senator Martha Fuller Clark

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

The Governor's Commission on Disability, in cooperation with the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be meeting with legislators and other state officials in the State House Cafeteria between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5th. The purpose of the event is to acquaint state officials with issues concerning the disabled in general and people with MS in particular.

Senator Peter Bragdon

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

The New Hampshire Public Charter School Association welcomes all legislators to St. Paul's Church on March 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the 7th Annual Charter Chili Competition. Participating public charter schools will showcase the mission of their schools and parents from each school will enter their best chili to compete to win the contest for their school. Legislators will vote for their favorite recipe. Please join us and learn more about the state of public charter schools in NH and the nation.

Senator Nancy F. Stiles
Senator Molly M. Kelly
Senator John Reagan

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

Please join the New Hampshire Independent Energy Council (NHIEC) for their first annual legislative reception on Wednesday, March 12th at the Holiday Inn Concord Downtown. Immediately following the House Session, NHIEC participants will be on hand to discuss energy policy issues and competitive electric markets. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy appetizers and beverages, and meet representatives of the member organizations of the NHIEC. This event is free of charge and sponsored by the NHIEC.

Senator Russell E. Prescott

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MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014

All legislators are invited to attend the 36th Annual Bobby Stephen's St. Patrick's Day Dinner Event to be held at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester on March 17th, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The event will feature live entertainment. Proceeds go toward scholarships for disadvantaged students in New Hampshire.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

The American Red Cross invites all Legislative members and staff to the annual State House Complex Blood Drive held on Tuesday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The American Red Cross self-contained coach will be parked in the front of the State House for this event.

Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be scheduled by calling the State House Health Services at ext. 2757.

Giving blood can help save up to three lives. Please help make this year's blood drive the most successful yet.

Senator Nancy F. Stiles

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join members of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) for a Legislative Crossover Reception on Wednesday, March 26th, at 3:30 p.m. (or following the end of the session day) at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord. NHADA has historically hosted this event which offers legislators a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow legislators and staff in a fun, social gathering.

Senator Jim B. Rausch

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

The American Lung Association of New Hampshire will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, March 26th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the State House Cafeteria. We cordially invite all members of the New Hampshire House and Senate to attend. Members of the ALA Leadership Board will be present to discuss pending legislation, the mission of the ALA and the annual Cycle the Seacoast.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 24, 2014 –
Friday, February 28, 2014

Thursday, March 06, 2014

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Monday, May 26, 2014

Friday, May 30, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 05, 2014

Friday, July 4, 2014

Monday, September 1, 2014

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Thursday, November 27, 2014

Friday, November 28, 2014

Thursday, December 25, 2014

SENATE BREAK.

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

Memorial Day (State Holiday)

Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.

Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Independence Day (State Holiday)

Labor Day (State Holiday)

Veterans' Day (State Holiday)

Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)

Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)

Christmas Day (State Holiday)