Legislative Day Registration Form

Company ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

City _____________________ State ______ Zip __________

Registration Fee—$25 per person (includes Lunch)

Attendees ____________________________________________

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# of attendees ___ X $25 = $ _______ total due

Return by FEBRUARY 10TH to:
VRGA, 148 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

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Call us at (802) 839-1928
VRGA’s annual Legislative Day brings the state’s top policy leaders and our members together for important conversations on issues facing Vermont and retailers. It is an opportunity to learn more about the legislative process and be part of the discussion.

In 2016, Vermont Legislature will, again, face a budget shortfall, which will require choices in budget priorities and/or revenue adjustments, much of it because of large increases to the state’s Medicaid costs.

Will Vermont approve the legalization of marijuana? Will it be sold at retail? What new laws will impact employers? Will criminal background checks be prohibited for employment? We hope to learn about some of these issues today. Thank you for joining us!

**Potential Issues**

- Mandated paid sick leave
- Criminal background checks
- Increases in the Vermont employer health care assessment
- Business license fees
- Budget deficit
- Legalization of Marijuana
- Disposable shopping bag tax/ban

- Security breaches at retail
- Education financing
- Transportation funding
- Potential changes to the GMO labeling law
- Beverage taxes
- Property taxes

… And Much More!

**Legislative Conference**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

8:30 a.m.
Registration & Coffee
State House
Conference Begins
Room 11, State House

9:30 a.m.
Invited Speakers include:
Governor Peter Shumlin
House Speaker Shap Smith
Senate President Pro Tem. John Campbell

12:00 p.m.
Luncheon
Governor’s Ballroom, Capitol Plaza

**Luncheon Program:**

**Gubernatorial Forum** - With Governor Shumlin stepping down next January, Vermont will have a new chief executive in 2017. The four major announced candidates for Governor (2 Democrats, 2 Republicans), will join VRGA members at the luncheon to share their vision for Vermont.

With **Moderator Stewart Ledbetter**, WPTZ senior reporter and moderator of Vermont This Week on Vermont Public Television.

**Media Perspective** *A VRGA exclusive!* Following the Gubernatorial forum, a panel of Vermont’s leading journalists will offer some perspective and insight for the rest of the session and lead up to the fall elections.

Paul Heintz
Seven Days political editor

Anne Galloway
VTdigger editor and executive director

Emerson Lynn
St. Albans Messenger editor and co-publisher