

**H.0264** Require restaurants licensed by the Department of Health to serve only children's meals that meet certain nutritional standards.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.264>

**Status** *House Human Services*

*Companion bill S.70*

## AGRICULTURE

**H.0337** Exempt an air contaminant source from the air emission fees when the source of the emissions is the anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, agricultural by-products, agricultural waste, or food waste.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.337>

**Status** *\*Up for Introduction*

## ALCOHOL & TOBACCO

**S.0088** Increase the smoking age from 18 to 21 years of age

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.88>

**Status** *\*Up for Introduction*

**H.0238** An act relating to modernizing and reorganizing Title 7

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.238>

**Status** *\*Passed House*

**H.0187** Proposes to prohibit smoking within 25 feet of the entrance or exit of a place of business

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.187>

**Status** *House Human Services*

**H.0179** Raise the rate of tax on a pack of cigarettes by \$1.25 per pack and to raise the tax on new smokeless tobacco products by a corresponding amount.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.179>

**Status** *House Ways & Means*

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**H.0178** Subject electronic cigarettes to wholesale tax on “other tobacco products” under current law

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.178>

**Status** *House Ways & Means*

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**H.0134** Establish the Agency of Controlled Substances to administer and enforce the laws relating to alcohol, tobacco, therapeutic cannabis, the State Lottery, games of chance, horse racing, motor racing, and boxing.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.134>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

*Bill introduction week of Feb 13th*

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**H.0052** Increasing the smoking age from 18 to 21 years of age

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.52>

**Status** *House Human Services*

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## BUDGETS

**H.0125** Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Adjustment

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.125>

**Status** *\*Passed Both House & Senate*

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**S.0085** Direct the Secretary of State and government partners to design a system to simplify interactions with small businesses and Vermonters starting new businesses.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.85>

**Status** *Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs*

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**H.0286** Require that no automatic renewal provision in a contract take effect unless the consumer opts in.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.286>

**Status** *House Commerce & Economic Development*

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**H.0136** Require employers to provide an accommodation to a pregnant employee unless the accommodation would impose undue hardship on the employer.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.136>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

*Introduction by bill Sponsor, Rep. Till week of Feb 13th*

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**17-0673** 17-0673 - An act relating to an omnibus economic development bill

**Status** *Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs*

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**S.0082** Create a Family Leave Insurance Program within the Department of Labor that will provide employees with 12 weeks of paid family leave and that will be funded by contributions from employers and employees. This bill also proposes to amend Vermont’s existing family leave law to extend coverage to additional employees, to clarify certain provisions, and to create an exemption from the law’s rehiring requirements for employers that employ the equivalent of four or fewer full-time employees.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.82>

**Status** *Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs*

*Companion Bill to H.196*

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**S.0073** Vermont Commission on Employee Misclassification

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.73>

**Status** *Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs*

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**S.0069** Proposes to repeal Vermont law that contradicts federal law that requires an employer to comply with a wage withholding order from another jurisdiction by distributing the funds in accordance with the order.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.69>

**Status** *Senate Judiciary*

*Bill mark up and vote 2/15*

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**S.0040** Increase the minimum wage so that it reaches \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2022.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.40>

**Status** *Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs*

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**H.0323** Classification of employees and independent contractors

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.323>

**Status** *\*Up for Introduction*

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**H.0313** Increase the minimum wage and tipped minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour by 2022. Stepped: 2018 \$10.50; 2019; \$11.50; 2020; \$12.50; 2021 \$13.50; 2022 \$15.00. On each subsequent January 1, the prior minimum wage rate shall be increased by five percent or the percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index, CPI-U

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.313>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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**H.0302** Increase the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2026

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.302>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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**H.0294** Prohibit employers from requiring an applicant to disclose his or her salary and benefit history and from seeking an applicant's salary history without his or her authorization

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.294>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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**H.0253** Whistleblower protection for employees

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.253>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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**H.0223** Employee classification and transitional assistance for beneficiaries of public assistance

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.223>

**Status** *House Commerce & Economic Development*

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**H.0196** Create a Family Leave Insurance Program within the Department of Labor that will provide employees with 12 weeks of paid family leave and that will be funded by contributions from employers and employees. This bill also proposes to amend Vermont's existing family leave law to make it applicable to all employers, to clarify certain provisions.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.196>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

***Bill walk-thru scheduled, companion bill to S.82***

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**H.0185** Prohibit retail establishments from propping or leaving exterior doors open while operating air-conditioning or heating systems.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.185>

**Status** *House Energy & Technology*

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**H.0119** Classification of employees and independent contractors

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.119>

**Status** *House Commerce & Economic Development*

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***Bill introduction week of Feb 13th***

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**H.0109** Create a study committee to study contingent work and workers in Vermont and to study mechanisms for creating portable employment benefits to address the needs of individuals who are freelance workers in e-commerce, self-employed workers, contingent workers, or workers in the “on-demand” economy

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.109>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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**H.0101** Create a program for employers to adopt voluntarily a drug-free workplace program that will entitle them to a five percent discount on their workers’ compensation premiums.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.101>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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**H.0093** Increase the minimum wage to \$11.50 by January 1, 2019; to \$12.50 by January 1, 2020; to \$13.50 by January 1, 2021; and to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2022.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.93>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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**H.0064** Increasing the Minimum Wage; A step proposal reaching \$15 by 1/1/2020 (\$11.66 by 1/1/2018 - \$13.32 by 1/1/2019 - \$15 by 1/1/2020)

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.64>

**Status** *House General, Housing & Military Affairs*

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## ENERGY

**H.0316** Renewable energy goals for Vermont's total energy consumption

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.316>

**Status** *House Energy & Technology*

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**H.0273** A cap and trade program for greenhouse gas emissions caused by transportation, heating, and other energy use.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.273>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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## HEALTHCARE

**S.0053** Universal, publicly financed primary care system beginning in 2019

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.53>

**Status** *Senate Health & Welfare*

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**H.0248** A universal, publicly financed primary care system

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.248>

**Status** *House Health Care*

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**H.0030** Dissolution of the Green Mountain Care Board

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.30>

**Status** *House Health Care*

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## INSURANCE

**H.0137** Direct the Dept of Financial Regulation, in consultation with the Dept of Labor, to examine why premiums for workers' compensation insurance in certain occupations are lower in New Hampshire than in Vermont and to report back to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations for legislative changes to reduce workers' compensation premiums in Vermont.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.137>

**Status** *House Commerce & Economic Development*

*Introduction week of Feb 13th*

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**H.0028** Creating a public option for health care coverage

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.28>

**Status** *House Health Care*

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**H.0224** Create a new crime of organized retail theft

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.224>

**Status** *House Judiciary*

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## REGULATION

**S.0070** Proposes to require restaurants licensed by the Department of Health to serve only children's meals that meet certain nutritional standards.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.70>

**Status** *Senate Health & Welfare*

*H.264 Companion Bill*

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**S.0016** An act relating to expanding patient access to the Medical Marijuana Registry

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.16>

**Status** *Senate Judiciary*

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**H.0333** Require that any single-user toilet in any public building or place of public accommodation be identified as gender-free.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.333>

**Status** *\*Up for Introduction*

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**H.0328** Beginning on January 1, 2019, to prohibit the use of the herbicide glyphosate by State agencies and municipal governments. The bill would also, on passage, prohibit the application of the herbicide glyphosate: within 500 feet of a State water; on farms or other food sources; and in schools and other educational facilities.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.328>

**Status** *\*Up for Introduction*

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**H.0268** Regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials. In addition, the bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in the State of dental floss or food contact substances that contain perfluorooctanesulfonic acid.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.268>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**H.0229** Regulation of treated article pesticides

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.229>

**Status** *House Agriculture & Forestry*

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**H.0190** Regulating leaf blowers and leaf vacuums

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.190>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**H.0170** Possession and cultivation of marijuana by a person 21 years of age or older

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.170>

**Status** *House Judiciary*

*Testimony and committee discussion week of Feb 13th*

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**H.0147** Enhance the standards and requirements for a business to be notified of a possible data security breach and to be informed that it has legal duties under current law.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.147>

**Status** *House Commerce & Economic Development*

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**H.0115** Defining an ounce of marijuana for the purpose of therapeutic use

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.115>

**Status** *House Human Services*

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## SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

**S.0028** Expand beverage container redemption system water bottles and containers for all noncarbonated drinks & require beverage manufacturers to remit abandoned deposits to the State

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.28>

**Status** *Senate Natural Resources & Energy*

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**H.0269** The collection of recycling of waste motor vehicle tires

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.269>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**H.0173** Repeal the beverage container redemption system and require manufacturers of beverages in glass containers to pay a \$0.05 fee for every glass container sold to a retailer in the State. The Glass Container Recycling Fee would be deposited in the Waste Management Assistance Fund for the sole use of solid waste management and recycling activities. The Glass Container Recycling Fee would be repealed when \$20,000,000.00 in fees is collected or on January 1, 2028, whichever occurs first

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.173>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**H.0067** Expansion of the beverage container redemption system

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.67>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**S.0062** Requiring out-of-state vendors to report to the Department of Taxes certain sales and use tax data, and to have the Department of Taxes increase use tax compliance

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.62>

**Status** *Senate Finance*

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**H.0332** Exempt paper hygienic products, including tissue paper, toilet paper, and diapers from the sales and use tax. Impose a \$5.00 occupancy surcharge, 80 percent of which would go to the Clean Water Fund, and the remaining revenue would go to the General Fund and Education Fund to replace the revenue from the sales tax exemption.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.332>

**Status** *\*Up for Introduction*

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**H.0214** Proposes to impose an excise tax on sugar-sweetened beverages and to direct revenue from the tax to the Adverse Childhood Experiences Initiative Fund.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.214>

**Status** *House Ways & Means*

*Walk-through by Legislative Counsel 2/17*

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**H.0105** Prohibit a retail establishment from providing a single-use carryout bag to a consumer at the point of sale. The bill would also establish standards for reusable bags and compostable bags provided by retail establishments at the point of sale.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.105>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**H.0088** Establish a charge of \$0.10 for each disposable carryout bag used by a person for the purpose of carrying goods, food, or other products from a retail establishment.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.88>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**H.0069** Declaring August 26 and 27, 2017 a State sales tax holiday

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.69>

**Status** *House Ways & Means*

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**H.0043** Exempting feminine hygiene products from sales tax

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.43>

**Status** *House Ways & Means*

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## WATER QUALITY

**H.0095** Redirect 25 percent of the property transfer tax from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) to the Clean Water Fund for the 20 years needed to implement the Clean Water Initiative.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.95>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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**17-0230** 17-0230 - An act relating to clean water funding

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/12/Date/2-15-2017>

**Status** *House Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife*

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