

## House/Senate Calendar February 19, 2018

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

HOUSE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on a number of bills, including HB 1782-FN, relative to insurance payments for ambulance providers;

Room 305, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on a number of bills, including HB 1607, relative to the appointment of a receiver for properties which are a threat to health and safety; HB 1214, prohibiting the sale of certain furniture with flame retardant chemicals;

HOUSE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on HB 1327, relative to apprentice electricians.

10:30 a.m. Public Hearing on non-germane amendment #2018-0539h to HB 1805, establishing a committee to study level dollar amortization of retirement system unfunded accrued liability. The amendment extends the term of NH Retirement System trustees from 2 to 3 years. Copies of the amendment are available in the Sergeant-at-Arms office, Room 318, State House.

12:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on a number of bills, including HB 1823-FN, relative to layered amortization of retirement system liabilities; HB 1805, establishing a committee to study level dollar amortization of retirement system unfunded accrued liability; HB 1757-FN, relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement system annuities at age 65; HB 1767-FN, establishing a multiple employer public retirement plan.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HOUSE FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Division work session on HB 1756-FN-A, relative to an additional allowance and a cost of living adjustment for retirees from the state retirement system.

10:30 a.m. Division work session on HB 407-FN, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for exposure.

HOUSE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

11:00 a.m. Executive session on a few bills, including HB 1391, relative to municipal retention of employment files;

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:30 a.m. HB 1400, relative to red light equipment on vehicles owned by dispatchers.

SENATE COMMERCE, Room 100, SH Sen. Innis (C), Sen. French (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Lasky

1:00 p.m. SB 420, relative to collective bargaining under the right-to-know law.

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

HOUSE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 305 LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session, if necessary, on a number of bills, including HB 1214, prohibiting the sale of certain furniture with flame retardant chemicals;

HOUSE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session, if necessary, on a number of bills, including HB 1782-FN, relative to insurance payments for ambulance providers;

HOUSE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on a number of bills, including HB 1756-FN-A, relative to an additional allowance and a cost of living adjustment for retirees from the state retirement system;

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

HOUSE CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 1740, relative to costs of blood testing orders.

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Last year legislation was enacted to allow first responders who have been exposed to another person's bodily fluids to be tested. This bill repeals the provision requiring the costs of the blood testing orders to be paid by auto or health insurance policies under certain circumstances. Workers' compensation insurance is now the only and appropriate insurance to pay for the testing. Vote 20-0.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1472, relative to the state building code provisions for energy conservation in new building construction.

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. Rep. Steven Beaudoin for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill stipulates that the state Building Code Review Board (BCRB) provide, in electronic format, a simplified residential energy code compliance form based on the requirements of the International Residential Code and the International Energy Conservation Code. Since we follow the International Energy Conservation Code as our minimum building energy efficiency standard, it also repeals an outdated law, RSA 155-D, the NH Code for Energy Conservation in New Building Construction. The amendment changes the membership of the BCRB by replacing the representative from State Energy Conservation Code Office, which is repealed in the bill, with a representative of the PUC. Vote 14-0.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 1430-FN, relative to emergency medical services license and fine revenue.

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Rep. Arthur Barnes for Ways and Means. This bill as written would do four things. 1. It would redirect any and all donations, fees for tuition, rents, services and any and all moneys and grants from any governmental unit, public agency, institution, person, firm, or corporation received by the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services away from the state general fund to the fund of the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d. 2. It would redirect any administrative fine imposed by the Commissioner of the Department of Safety away from the state general fund to the fund of the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d. 3. It would eliminate the current exemption that no fee as defined in RSA 153-A:15 shall be charged to a nonprofit corporation or

volunteer association. 4. It would direct all fines imposed by the commission under RSA 153:A:22 to be directed to the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund instead of the general fund. The committee felt there was not sufficient reason to make the change. Vote 23-0.

#### HOUSE REGULAR CALENDAR

##### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1416-FN, repealing the prohibition on bottle rockets.

MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Rep. John Burt for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill looked at permissible fireworks and questioned why bottle rockets should be excluded. The process for placing items on the permissible fireworks list is pretty exhaustive as to safety provisions if responsibly handled. An accident caused by mishandling years ago seemed to be the reason for singling out this firework. The committee gave the issue careful deliberation and came up with an amendment that would increase the handling of this firework by including a rocket launcher, or proof of one, in all rocket purchases. This device would ensure that a stable holder would keep the rocket aimed in a safe direction and increase the safety of its use. Vote 12-8. Rep. Laura Pantelakos for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. While the minority recognizes the efforts of the dealers to improve safety by providing/requiring newly developed launchers, it is not persuaded that these measures are sufficient to justify repeal of the prohibition on the sale of bottle rockets in New Hampshire. The sale and use of bottle rockets has been opposed by the N.H. Fire Marshal and the N.H. Department of Safety as well as some medical professionals because of the hazards they present. The minority recommends that this bill be found inexpedient to legislate.

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

#### REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

##### EDUCATION

SB 523-FN, requiring public school students to receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator device.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Ward for the committee.

##### FINANCE

SB 544-FN, providing that 2 percent of insurance tax collections be deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Daniels for the committee.