

## Weekly Legislative Preview:

### Committee Hearings:

#### **Monday, December 16, 2013**

##### Property Tax Exemption Study Committee

1:00 PM Room 11 (Large Hearing Room)

1:00 PM **Public Comment**

*Members of the public may sign up to testify beginning at 12:30 in Room 11.*

AFTER **Review Draft Legislation**

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

AFTER **Committee Discussion**

#### **Tuesday, December 17, 2013**

##### Administrative Hearing Officers Study Committee

10:00 AM Room 11 (Large Hearing Room)

10:00 AM **Codes of Conduct for Judges and Hearing Officers**

Steven Adler, Esq., Chair, Judicial Conduct Board

10:30 AM **Report of Committee Members' Report Priorities**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Legislative Council

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **Committee Report Discussion**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Legislative Council

##### **Government Accountability Committee**

10:00 am Room EA (Ethan Allen Room)

##### Health Care Oversight Committee

9:00 AM House Chamber

9:00 AM           **Health Benefit Exchange**  
Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access  
(DVHA) via Phone

9:45 AM           **Joint Committee Report**  
*Health Care Oversight and Mental Health Oversight Committee Report*  
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

10:30 AM           **Tobacco Trust Fund**  
Stephen Morabito, Administrator, Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and  
Review Board  
Rhonda Williams, Department of Health  
Rebecca Ryan, Director, Health Promotion and Public Policy, American  
Lung Association of the Northeast  
Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

11:15 AM           **Health Care Oversight Committee Report**  
*Topics covered during the Legislative Interim*  
Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

12:00 PM           **Lunch**

1:00 PM           **Health Care Oversight Committee Report**  
*Committee Discussion*

**Public Comment**

3:30 PM           **Adjourn**

**Thursday, December 19, 2013**

**Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules**

10:05 AM   Room EA

10:00 a.m.           **Convene, Review, and Approve Minutes of December 5, 2013.**

10:05 AM           **13-P22 - Aboveground Storage Tank Rules**  
*Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation*  
*Rule posted at:*  
*<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/ust/regs/astrules.pdf>*

Chuck Schwer, Section Chief, Division of Waste Management,  
Department of Environmental Conservation

10:20 AM

**13-P39 - Powerball Rules - (Effective January 22, 2014)**

*Vermont Lottery Commission*

*Rule posted at: [http://www.vtlottery.com/pdf/RulesPB\\_201401.pdf](http://www.vtlottery.com/pdf/RulesPB_201401.pdf)*

Greg Smith, Executive Director, Vermont Lottery Commission

10:40 AM

**13-P36 - Administrative Rules of the Vermont Board of Real Estate Appraisers**

*Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Board of Real Estate Appraisers*

*Rule posted at: [http://vtprofessionals.org/opr1/real\\_estate\\_appraisers/](http://vtprofessionals.org/opr1/real_estate_appraisers/)*

Colin Benjamin, Counsel, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

11:00 AM

**13-P28 - Regulations Pertaining to the Construction and Operation of Net Metering Systems**

*Public Service Board*

*Rule posted at:*

*<http://psb.vermont.gov/statutesrulesandguidelines/proposedrules/rule51002013>*

Gregg Faber, Staff Attorney, Public Service Board

Matt Levin, Outreach and Development Director, Vermonters for a Clean Environment

**Other Meetings:**

**Friday, December 20, 2013**

**Agency of Education Press Conference – 11 a.m.**

**Weekly Legislative Report:**

**Committee Hearings:**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

**Vermont Child Poverty Council**

- **Traffic Fines** - alternatives for traffic fines.

- **Childhood Homelessness** - Review of Draft Policy Resolution in Ending Childhood Homelessness.
- **H. 208** - An act relating to absence from work for health care and safety.
- **S. 35** - An act relating to establishing and regulating licensed dental practitioners.
- **Council Charge** - Review of Draft Bill on Amending the Council's Charge.
- **Committee Discussion** - Legislative Priorities, Council Actions re: credit repair and asset building program

### **Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

#### **Mental Health Oversight**

#### **S. 82 Committee of Conference**

### **Thursday, December 12, 2013**

#### **Corrections Oversight**

### **Friday, December 13, 2013**

#### **Joint Committee on Judicial Rules**

- **Promulgated Emergency Rule effective November 13, 2013** - V.R.Cr.P. 11.1. Adds provisions to plea colloquy required by changes to 18 V.S.A. Sec. 4230
- **Proposed Rules (proposed October 14, 2013; comments due December 13, 2013)**
  - a. V.R.P.P. 67. Theft of assets by fiduciaries in probate proceedings;
  - b. V.R.P.P. 80.21. Notice of appointment of guardian;
  - c. V.R.P.P. 17(a)(3). Defining "interested persons" in involuntary adult guardianship proceedings (Proposed December 4, 2013; comments due February 3, 2014)
- **Promulgated Civil and Environmental Court Rules (promulgated December 2, 2013; effective February 3,**
  - a. V.R.C.P. 80.1(b)(3). Reflecting change from BISHCA to Department of Financial Regulation;
  - b. V.R.C.P. 80.9. Reflecting elimination of the District Court and transfer of its jurisdiction over municipal parking violations to the Criminal Division of the Superior Court;
  - c. V.R.C.P. 5(h)(1). Requiring the appellant to produce a transcript in all on-the-record appeals.

- **Proposed Civil Rules (proposed December 5, 2013 ( approx.); comments due by February 5, 2014 (approx.))**
  - a. V.R.C.P. 4(b). Eliminating requirement that summons contain e-mail address of Court;
  - b. V.R.C.P. 79(b)and (c). Reflecting elimination of record-keeping requirements in Act 67 of 2013.
- **Rules Recommended for Promulgation by Family Rules Committee; Not Yet Acted on by Supreme Court**
  - V.R.F.P. 7, 7.1. Representation of child by attorney or guardian ad litem.

### **PreKindergarten-16 Council**

- **Legislative priorities**
- **Introduction** - Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary, Agency of Education
- **Great Schools Partnership**
- **Other Business** - Early Education Summit, Vermont Business Roundtable planning, University of Vermont conference on education.

### **Public Records Legislative Study Committee**

- **Public Records Exemptions** - 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7) (personal records) and 1 V.S.A. §§ 317(c)(10), (c)(12)
- **Public Records Exemptions** - New proposed whistleblower exemption
- **Public Records Exemptions** - 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(9) (trade secrets): discussion of November 1, 2013 meeting testimony Committee Discussion
- **Act 23 Project** - Review draft bill, questionnaire responses
- **Public Records Exemptions** - Discuss committee recommendations on exemptions reviewed in 2013
- **Public Records Exemptions** - Plan final meeting; discuss process for finalizing annual report