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waives the right to a hearing, the commissioner shall issue a final order finding the person in default and imposing the penalty. A copy of the final default order shall be sent to the violator by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(c) When an alleged violator requests a hearing in a timely fashion, the commissioner shall hold the hearing pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

Sec. 3. 6 V.S.A. § 17 is added to read:

§ 17. COLLECTIONS

(a) The commissioner may collect an unpaid administrative penalty by filing a civil collection action in any district or superior court, or through any other means available to state agencies.

(b) The commissioner may, subject to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, suspend any license, certificate, registration or permit issued pursuant to his or her authority for failure to pay a penalty under this chapter more than 60 days after the penalty was issued.

Approved: May 18, 1989

NO. 50. AN ACT RELATING TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

(H.297)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The Vermont legislature finds and declares that:

(1) The state of Vermont is cognizant of the high unemployment levels in Northern Ireland.

(2) The state of Vermont is cognizant that discrimination in the workplace may be a cause of violence in Northern Ireland and does not believe that violence leads to a resolution of this conflict.

Sec. 2. INVESTMENTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND; MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES

(a) By January 1 of each year, the treasurer of the state of Vermont and the boards of trustees of the state employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system shall compile a list of corporations that, directly or through a subsidiary, do business in Northern Ireland and in whose stocks or obligations the treasurer or boards of trustees have invested and shall determine whether such corporation has taken substantial action to achieve the following goals, known as the MacBride Principles:

(1) increasing the representation of individuals from under-represented religious groups in the workforce, including managerial, supervisory, administrative, clerical and technical jobs;

(2) adequate security for the protection of minority employees at the workplace and while traveling to and from work;

(3) the banning of provocative religious or political emblems from the workplace;

(4) all job openings should be publicly advertised and special recruitment efforts should be made to attract applicants from under-represented religious groups;

(5) layoff, recall and termination procedures should not in practice favor particular religious groupings;

(6) the abolition of job reservations, apprenticeship restrictions and differential employment criteria which discriminate on the basis of religion or ethnic origin;

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(7) the development of training programs that will prepare substantial numbers of current minority employees for skilled jobs, including the expansion of existing programs and the creation of new programs to train, upgrade and improve the skills of minority employees;

(8) the establishment of procedures to assess, identify and actively recruit minority employees with potential for further advancement; and

(9) the appointment of a senior management staff member to oversee the company's affirmative action efforts and the setting up of timeables to carry out affirmative action principles.

(b) At every reasonable opportunity the treasurer and the boards of trustees shall support shareholder resolutions designed to encourage United States corporations doing business in Northern Ireland, in which the treasurer or the boards of trustees have invested, to adopt and implement the MacBride Principles.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Approved: May 18, 1989

NO. 51. AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION FEES AND TAXES.

(H.349)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PURPOSE

(a) The public and private transportation systems of Vermont are vital to the social, health and economic well being of the people of Vermont. It is the policy of the state of Vermont to develop and maintain the necessary highway, railroad, air, water and public transit system in a safe, energy efficient and available condition.

(b) The taxes, fees and revenues which are collected from the owners and users of the transportation system shall be available only for the construction, rehabilitation, maintenance and operations of transportation systems.

(c) The state of Vermont should enter into cooperative agreements with other states and the provinces of Canada when it is in Vermont's best interest for the administration, auditing and collection of transportation taxes, fees and other revenue.

(d) The appropriation of transportation fund revenues shall provide for an equitable distribution of construction, replacement, maintenance and operation programs of both state and local systems recognizing the limited capacity of local revenue sources and the need for major replacement of bridges and related structures.

(e) To the extent possible, the replacement, construction and maintenance of town bridges and structures should be performed by town and city highway and public works programs utilizing engineering and technical assistance from the Vermont transportation agency when necessary.

(f) The transportation agency shall report regularly to the general assembly on its operations, expenditures and most importantly the progress of its construction, paving and rehabilitation programs. The general assembly through its oversight capacity shall review the causes and potential solutions to impediments to the orderly rehabilitation and construction effort authorized by the general assembly.