

VERMONT HOUSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2019

OPPORTUNITY

The Vermont Democratic Party is the Party of opportunity. We believe in growing the economy by investing in the American workers and creating a level playing field where all of us can succeed.

- H.513: Broadband (\$1.5m in budget; \$1.3m new money in the USF) - PASSED
- H. 531: Child Care (wrapped into budget with \$7.4m additional money appropriated) - PASSED
- H.533: Workforce Development Bill - PASSED
- S.108: Employee Misclassification - in conference committee
- Paid Family Leave - work in progress
- Minimum Wage - work in progress
- \$2m increase for Reach Up participants in Budget - PASSED

FAIRNESS

Fairness is a core value of Vermont Democrats. The idea that everything government does should be applied fairly to all Vermonters, not just a select few, is and will always be at the heart of what the Vermont Democratic Party stands for.

- S.108: Worker's Comp - in conference committee
- H.523: Misc Retirement - SIGNED
- H.321: Firefighter/EMT aggravated murder - SIGNED
- H.16: Binding arbitration for public employees and municipal first responders - PASSED
- S.111: Burn Pits, helping Veterans exposed to toxic chemicals - PASSED
- H.394: Disposition of Veteran Remains - SIGNED

EQUITY & EQUALITY

We recognize that an expectation of full respect and dignity regardless of sex, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, physical ability, mental health status, gender reassignment, incarceration history, or immigration status is our common birthright as human beings.

- H.57: Codifying Access to Abortion - PASSED
- PR.5: Constitutional Amendment Protecting Reproductive Rights- Awaits action by 2021-2022 Legislature
- H.330: Repeal of the Statute of Limitations on Childhood Sexual Abuse - SIGNED
- H.132: Housing Discrimination for Victims of Domestic Violence - PASSED
- H.19: Sexual Exploitation of People in Law Enforcement Custody - SIGNED

COMMUNITY

All Vermonters have the right to live in communities that are safe and healthy. Government has an essential role in advancing that goal: partnering with communities, families, individuals and the private

sector to ensure all Vermonters have access to the healthcare, housing, child care, and social services that they need.

- Taxation of E-Cigs (H.47 - SIGNED) / Tobacco 21 (S.86 - SIGNED) / Internet Sales (H.26 - SIGNED)
- S.49: Controls level of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under the Agency of Natural Resources' Water Supply Rule - SIGNED
- S.55: Regulation of Toxic Substances - PASSED
- S.40: Lead Remediation in Schools/Childcare facilities - PASSED
- S.37: Medical Monitoring - PASSED
- S.169: Waiting Periods on Handgun Purchase- PASSED
- S.146: Substance Abuse Prevention Bill - (coordinates substance abuse prevention across state government) - PASSED
- H.524: Association Health Plans, Health Insurance Marketplace stabilization & ACA codification - (Codifies key provisions of the ACA into Vermont law) - PASSED

SAFETY & JUSTICE

Every Vermonter deserves to live in safe communities and attend safe schools without fear of crime or violence. That can only happen with meaningful economic and educational opportunities for all, targeted programs for the most marginalized and vulnerable, unbiased community-based law enforcement, and smart reforms to our criminal justice system.

- H.3: Ethnic Studies - SIGNED
- S.68: Indigenous People's Day - SIGNED
- H.518: Fair & Impartial Policing - PASSED
- All House members participated in implicit bias training with the Human Rights Commission

STEWARDSHIP

We will tirelessly fight to protect our natural resources, clean our waterways, and reduce the exposure of all Vermonters to toxic substances.

- H.63: Weatherization Bill (\$2.25m) - (Creates "all-fuels efficiency" to target thermal and transportation efficiency opportunities as well as what we've done with electric efficiency) - PASSED
- Budget - Weatherization \$, EV Incentives (\$2m), EV \$ for State Fleet (\$500k), Park & Ride expansion (\$2.6m) - (see attachment for details & more) - PASSED
- S.96: Clean Water - (additional \$7.5m this year for \$50m total; \$12m next year for \$55m total) - PASSED
- S.113: Plastic Bag Ban - PASSED
- BGS Weatherization (State Buildings - \$300k in Budget) - PASSED

DEMOCRACY

All actions of government must be conducted with transparency, fairness, responsibility and accountability.

- S.107: Election Corrections (expands Automatic Voter Registration beyond DMV to other state agencies that already collect the type of information need to register to vote) - PASSED
- H.207: Montpelier Charter/Non-Citizen Voting - Passed House, no action in Senate
- H.427: Foreign Credentialing (When professionals move to Vermont from other countries, we will now streamline the consideration of their credentials so they can more quickly practice their profession in VT) - SIGNED
- S.134: Municipal Public Safety Workers (allows municipal public safety workers, who can't go on strike because it could jeopardize public safety, to request that contract disputes go to binding arbitration. It's a fairness for those workers and it levels the bargaining field for our police, fire and first responders) - PASSED
- S.11: Limits Senate Districts to No More than 3 Members - SIGNED