

House/Senate Schedule

April 2, 2018

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

1:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on a number of bills, including SB 317-FN, relative to veterans' preference in public employment;

HOUSE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on SB 482-FN, relative to confidential emergency medical and trauma services data.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on SB 456, relative to the appointment of the state medical director for emergency medical services.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on SB 374, relative to adoption of emergency medical and trauma services protocols.

HOUSE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

4:00 p.m. SB 541-FN-A, establishing a fund to reimburse costs associated with firefighters who have cancer and establishing a commission to study the funding and operations of the presumption under workers' compensation requiring the reimbursement of costs associated with firefighters who have cancer.

HOUSE FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Division work session on SB 544-FN, providing that 2 percent of insurance tax collections be deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund.

SENATE FINANCE, Room 103, SH Sen. Daniels (C), Sen. Reagan (VC), Sen. Giuda, Sen. Morse, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Feltes

1:45 p.m. HB 1756-FN-A, relative to an additional allowance and a cost of living adjustment for retirees from the state retirement system. EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

HOUSE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Rooms 306-308, LOB **Please Note Room Change

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on SB 370-FN, adopting the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact.

HOUSE LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

10:30 a.m. Or immediately following public hearing, executive session on a number of bills, including SB 553-FN, establishing a commission to study the incidence of post traumatic stress disorder in first responders and whether such disorder should be covered under workers' compensation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

HOUSE CONSENT CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 324-FN, allowing an optional retirement system allowance to include a subsequent remarriage of a divorced retiree.

OUGHT TO PASS. Rep. Raymond Gagnon for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill allows a New Hampshire Retirement System retiree to designate their current spouse as a beneficiary after termination of an optional allowance following a divorce or when a former spouse has renounced their right to benefits. As indicated by the unanimous bipartisan support, this bill is viewed as basic fairness. Vote 11-0.

HOUSE REGULAR CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION SB 55, (New Title) relative to the servicing of backflow devices and arrest powers of fire marshals. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Rep. Steven Beaudoin for Executive Departments and Administration. Current statute requires that all buildings served by municipal water systems have a back-flow preventer (BFP) installed to protect the public water system from cross contamination. Under certain circumstances, these devices must be tested at least annually to ensure they are functioning properly. Our statutes allow municipal water system employees, as well as people certified to test BFPs, to test, repair, install, and replace BFPs that are installed immediately adjacent to the water meter. This bill attempts to broaden the purview of certified BFP testers to allow them to test, repair and install BFPs that are not adjacent to the water meter. Historically, this is an area of service that would require the skills of a licensed plumber. The committee agreed that certified BFP testers lack the knowledge and expertise to work on anything further within the structure. This bill would have also removed the arrest powers of the State Fire Marshal and his designees. Doing so would have left no way to prosecute violators such as arsonists and those performing work without proper licensure. Vote 8-3.

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1823-FN, relative to layered amortization of retirement system liabilities. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Carson for the committee. This legislation incorporates recommendations from the Decennial Commission. It will assist in smoothing out the ups and downs of rates. This bill makes sense for our retirement system's future, in stabilizing the system and in having predictability for the New Hampshire Retirement System employees and employers.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1421-FN, relative to the regulation of event tents. Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Soucy for the committee.

HB 1676-FN, repealing the licensing requirement for open-air shows and repealing the laws related to the keeping of billiard tables. Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0. Senator Reagan for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1364, relative to use of amber lights on vehicles. Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.