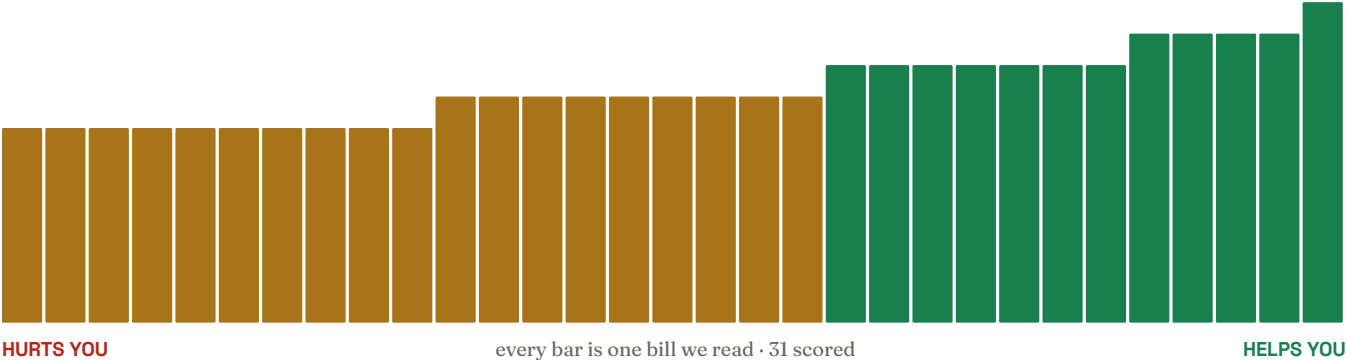




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Vermont Bill Book 2026

The Vermont bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 31 Vermont bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

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The Unemployment Insurance Bill

Unemployment insurance rules may change

VT H0235 • Work & Wages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If you lose your job, this bill could affect whether you get unemployment benefits and how much you get, so it's a good time to weigh in on the proposed changes

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear information.
Unknown
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No clear information.
Unknown
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — No clear information.
Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to unemployment insurance eligibility and benefits

VT H0235

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-18

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change unemployment insurance eligibility and benefits

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0235) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.235>

LegiScan — H0235 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0235/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0235-971364

YOUR NOTES

The Local Media Bill

Tax credit for local media ads introduced in Vermont

VT H0377 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could see less state revenue, which might mean higher taxes or fewer services, while advertisers get a cheaper way to promote locally.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight mechanisms added.
Bill does not change accountability structures
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No rights removed or added.
Bill does not affect personal rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Tax credit reduces state revenue.
Cost shifts to taxpayers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Bill only introduced, details sparse.
Limited public information at this stage

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

An act relating to the local media advertising tax credit

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-26

The bill would let businesses claim a tax credit for money they spend on advertising with local media, lowering their tax bill.

Media

Official text (VT H0377) – <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.377>

LegisScan – H0377 – <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0377/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0377-983032

New bill could change who gets unemployment help

VT S0037 • Work & Wages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If it passes, some jobless workers might find it harder to qualify for aid, while others could see more help, so voters should watch the debate and let their voices be heard now.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — unknown impact.
No clear changes to accountability shown
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — unknown impact.
Unclear effect on workers' rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — unknown impact.
Cost implications not specified
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — unknown impact.
Procedural details limited

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to unemployment insurance eligibility and benefits

VT S0037 Introduced · recorded 2025-01-30

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would change who can get unemployment benefits and how much they receive, affecting people who lose jobs.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Workers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT S0037) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/S.37>

LegiScan — S0037 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/S0037/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-s0037-949136

YOUR NOTES

The Home Credit Bill

New bill could change home tax credit rules

VT H0486 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Homeowners might see a bigger or smaller tax break depending on the new rules. It's important to watch this bill now because it could change how much you pay each year.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear changes to oversight.
Bill text does not specify new accountability measures.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Unclear impact on homeowner rights.
Changes to tax credit may affect rights to claim credit.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Cost shift not specified.
Potential cost shift to taxpayers unknown.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Bill just introduced, limited info.
No details on public input.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to homestead declarations and the property tax credit

VT H0486

Introduced · recorded 2025-03-19

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would change the rules for declaring a homestead and getting a property tax credit, which could affect your home tax bill.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0486) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.486>

LegiScan — H0486 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0486/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0486-010128

YOUR NOTES

The Proposes Refundable Bill

Vermont proposes refundable tax credit for equipment purchases

VT S0312 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad

1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Tax credits help businesses afford upgrades, but they lower state revenue, meaning taxpayers may pay more later; supporters say it spurs jobs, opponents warn about the cost.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no change.
bill does not alter oversight of businesses
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — no impact.
does not affect individual legal rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — tax credit reduces revenue.
state funds credit from general fund, shifting cost to taxpayers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — no change.
bill does not change how decisions are made

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Businesses
Bearing the cost: Taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to a refundable machinery and equipment investment tax credit

VT S0312

 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-27

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let companies claim a refundable tax credit when they buy new machines, giving them cash back if the credit exceeds their taxes.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Manufacturing equipment

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT S0312) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/S.312>

LegiScan — S0312 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/S0312/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-s0312-094346

YOUR NOTES

The Health Insurance Bill

Health insurance laws getting a makeover in Vermont

VT H0095 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

It's important to watch how this bill changes health insurance rules, as it could affect how people get care and understand their options.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear accountability measures mentioned..
The text does not specify how accountability will be improved.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No new rights or protections provided..
The bill focuses on reorganizing existing statutes without adding new protections.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Cost implications are unclear..
The bill does not mention who will bear any costs related to the updates.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No transparency measures included..
The bill does not outline how the process will be more transparent.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to updating and reorganizing the health insurance statutes in 8 V.S.A. chapter 107

VT H0095

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-28

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would update health insurance rules to make them clearer for everyone.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0095) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.95>

LegiScan — H0095 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0095/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0095-942316

YOUR NOTES

The Medicare Supplement Bill

New bill aims to change Medicare supplement insurance rules

VT H0275 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

It's important to pay attention to this bill as it could change how easily seniors get the extra help they need for medical costs.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear accountability measures in the text..
Unknown
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No significant rights changes mentioned..
Unknown
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Impact on costs is unclear..
Unknown
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No transparency issues noted..
Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (4R / 4D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplement insurance policies

VT H0275

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-19

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change how people can sign up for Medicare supplement insurance, which could affect their healthcare coverage.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0275) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.275>

LegiScan — H0275 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0275/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0275-974643

YOUR NOTES

The Health Insurance Bill

Health insurance reforms are being discussed in Vermont

VT H0585 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

It's important to watch this bill as it moves forward. It could affect your health insurance, but we need more details to see if it's good or bad.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Unclear effects on accountability.
The bill does not specify how it will hold insurers accountable.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No clear rights changes.
The text does not detail any changes to consumer rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Cost impact unknown.
It's unclear who will pay for any changes.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Lacks transparency details.
The bill does not explain how it will be implemented.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-03-19 — failed
Yes 26R/0D · No 18R/81D

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to health insurance reforms

VT H0585

Engrossed · recorded 2026-03-19

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change health insurance rules, but it's unclear how it helps people.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0585) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.585>

LegiScan — H0585 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0585/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0585-066028

YOUR NOTES

The Improve Health Bill

New bill aims to improve health data reporting in Vermont

VT S0076 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help people by making health care fairer. But we need to see how it will work in practice.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — The bill aims to improve data transparency..
It could hold health providers accountable.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No direct rights are affected..
It focuses on data reporting, not personal rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Costs are unclear at this stage..
It is unknown who will pay for the data reporting.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — The process is still ongoing..
More details will emerge as it moves through the legislature.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to health equity data reporting and registry disclosure requirements

VT S0076

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-19

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would require better reporting of health data to help everyone get better care.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT S0076) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/S.76>

LegiScan — S0076 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/S0076/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-s0076-975525

YOUR NOTES

The Tighten Water Bill

Vermont looks to tighten water permits for big farms

VT S0100 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could see cleaner rivers if the bill adds oversight, but farmers might face higher paperwork and costs, so they should speak up now while the bill is still being shaped.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear change to who is held accountable..
The text does not specify new accountability measures.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No direct impact on personal rights..
The bill deals with permits, not individual legal rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Potential cost shift to farms..
New permit rules could increase expenses for farming operations.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Unclear if the bill adds transparency..
The summary gives no detail on public notice or reporting.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (2R / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to administration of the concentrated animal feeding operation water quality permit

VT S0100

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-28

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would change how farms get water quality permits, possibly adding new rules that could affect how they manage waste.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Farming

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT S0100) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/S.100>

LegiScan — S0100 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/S0100/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-s0100-988113

YOUR NOTES

The Autism Privacy Bill

Vermont tells state agencies to protect autism privacy

VT HR0009 • Privacy & Data

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is a special message from the Vermont House. It would tell all state offices to protect the private health information and rights of Vermonters with autism. This is important because the U.S. government plans to make new databases about autism. This bill would make sure Vermont stands up for its people's privacy. Even though it is not a law, it shows what the House thinks is important. You can tell your lawmakers...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Urges state agencies to protect privacy..
The resolution would urge all State agencies, departments, and offices to protect civil...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Aims to protect personal privacy and civil rights..
The resolution would urge protection of civil rights, medical confidentiality, and all...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — No direct cost shift mentioned..
The resolution does not mention any specific costs or who would pay for them.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — A resolution is a transparent way to express legislative opinion..
This is a House resolution, which is a public statement of the chamber's position.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Vermonters with autism, their families, and privacy advocates.
Bearing the cost: Not applicable, as this is a protective measure.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (3R / 26D)

House resolution urging that all State agencies, departments, and offices protect the civil rights, medical confidentiality, and all aspects of personal privacy of Vermonters who have been diagnosed with autism in light of the Secretary of the U.S. Health and Human Services' recently announced plans to establish an autism research database and other databases related to autism

Introduced · recorded 2025-05-28

This bill would tell Vermont state offices to keep private medical information safe for people with autism, especially with new federal plans for health databases.

Everyday People

Official text (VT HR0009) – <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.R.9>

LegiScan – HR0009 – <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/HR0009/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-hr0009-034093

The Income Credits Bill

Vermont bill aims to expand income tax credits

VT H0483 • Money & Damages

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people

1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People could get bigger refunds, helping families stretch their budgets, while the state will need to fund the credits, so voters should watch the discussion.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight mechanisms added.
The bill does not change who monitors tax credit distribution.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Expands benefits to taxpayers.
More tax credits give households greater financial relief.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — State budget must pay for larger credits.
The extra refunds are funded by state revenue.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.
Bill follows normal committee referral and reading steps.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: taxpayers
Bearing the cost: state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to the expansion of existing income tax credits

VT H0483

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-18

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would increase tax credits, giving households more money back on their state income taxes.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0483) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.483>

LegiScan — H0483 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0483/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0483-008890

YOUR NOTES

The Fees & Accept Bill

New bill aims to lower credit card fees and accept cash

VT S0135 • Consumer Protection

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could save you money on fees and make it easier to pay with cash. Now is the time to support it.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Supports consumer rights..
The bill helps consumers by ensuring cash is accepted.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects payment options..
It gives people the choice to pay with cash.
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — No clear cost shift..
The bill does not shift costs to consumers.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Introduced bill..
The bill is still in early stages.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to credit card fees and requiring the acceptance of cash

VT S0135

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-27

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help people by making businesses accept cash and lowering credit card fees.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT S0135) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/S.135>

LegiScan — S0135 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/S0135/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-s0135-015815

YOUR NOTES

The Extra Online Bill

Vermont bans extra online fees for municipal utility bills

VT H0265 • Consumer Protection

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens would keep more of their money and not be forced to pay hidden fees, while municipalities lose a small revenue source.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — bill bans fees.
prevents municipalities from adding fees
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — protects consumer right to pay without extra cost.
removes convenience fee
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — keeps cost on municipality.
no extra charge to consumers
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — standard legislative process.
bill introduced, committee referral

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear (OR / OD)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to prohibiting the imposition of convenience fees on online municipal utility payments

VT H0265 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-19

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would stop towns from adding extra charges when you pay your water or electric bill online.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0265) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.265>

LegiScan — H0265 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0265/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0265-973689

YOUR NOTES

The Prosthetics & Orthotics Bill

New bill aims to improve insurance for prosthetics and orthotics

VT H0432 • Healthcare & Insurance

8/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, more people could afford the devices they need to live better lives. Now is the time to support it.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Improves access to necessary medical devices..

The bill aims to ensure coverage for essential devices.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Supports patients needing prosthetics and orthotics..

It enhances rights to necessary health coverage.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Costs may shift to insurers..

Insurers would cover more, possibly increasing premiums.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (1R / 6D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to health insurance coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices

VT H0432

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-28

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help people get better insurance for prosthetic and orthotic devices, making them more affordable.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0432) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.432>

LegiScan — H0432 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0432/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0432-987182

YOUR NOTES

The Emergency Responders Bill

Tax credit for emergency responders introduced in Vermont

VT H0300 • Money & Damages

7 /10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Supporters say the credit rewards brave responders and puts extra cash in their pockets, which can help with everyday bills. Critics worry the lost tax revenue could mean less money for schools or roads.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — no new oversight.
bill does not change accountability mechanisms

Rights & Protections (helps) — adds benefit.
provides tax credit to responders

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — cost to state.
tax credit reduces state revenue, not consumer costs

Process Transparency (neutral) — standard referral.
bill is just introduced and sent to committee

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (4R / 3D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to an income tax credit for emergency first responders

VT H0300

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-20

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let emergency responders claim a tax credit, lowering the amount of state income tax they owe.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Workers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0300) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.300>

LegiScan — H0300 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0300/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0300-977416

YOUR NOTES

The Caregiver Credit Bill

Family caregiver tax credit could lower your taxes

VT S0231 • Money & Damages

7 /10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This could help everyday caregivers afford care, but it also means the state will collect less revenue, which could affect other services.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight created.
Bill adds credit but does not change agency duties
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Supports caregivers.
Provides financial relief to families caring for relatives
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — State loses revenue.
Tax credit reduces tax collections
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.
Bill is introduced and referred to Finance Committee

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (2R / 5D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to a family caregiver tax credit

VT S0231

 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-09

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would give families who care for relatives a tax credit, lowering the amount of tax they owe.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT S0231) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/S.231>

LegiScan — S0231 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/S0231/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-s0231-069454

YOUR NOTES

The Push Insurers Bill

Vermont bill would push insurers to cover biomarker tests

VT H0136 • Healthcare & Insurance

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Every Vermont resident could see faster, cheaper access to personalized medicine, but insurers may raise premiums to cover the new expense, so voters should watch the debate.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — neutral.
Bill does not add new oversight
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — positive.
adds coverage right for patients
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — cost shift.
insurers pay for tests, may affect premiums
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — neutral.
standard committee process

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (5R / 16D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to health insurance coverage for biomarker testing

VT H0136

 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-04

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would require health insurers to pay for biomarker tests, helping patients get needed diagnostics without extra outofpocket costs.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

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Official text (VT H0136) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.136>

LegiScan — H0136 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0136/2025>

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YOUR NOTES

The Improve Fertility Bill

New bill aims to improve fertility care coverage in Vermont

VT H0302 • Healthcare & Insurance

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, more people could afford fertility treatments, making it easier for them to have children. It's a good time to support this change.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No clear accountability measures mentioned..
Unknown

Rights & Protections (helps) — Increases access to fertility care..
Supports everyday people seeking fertility treatments.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Costs are not detailed in the bill..
Unknown

Process Transparency (neutral) — The process is ongoing and public..
Introduced in the legislature.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (3R / 9D)

An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for fertility care

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-21

This bill would help people get better health insurance for fertility care, which is important for starting families.

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Official text (VT H0302) – <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.302>

LegiScan – H0302 – <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0302/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/vt-h0302-977280

The Breast Milk Bill

Insurance would cover donated breast milk for babies

VT H0521 • Healthcare & Insurance

7 /10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Families could get needed milk without paying high prices, but insurers might raise premiums to cover the new cost, so voters should watch the bill now.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight added.
Bill does not create additional accountability mechanisms.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Expands health coverage.
Allows families to claim insurance for donated breast milk.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Shifts cost to insurers.
Insurers may pass costs to premiums.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard committee referral.
No special transparency provisions.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

THE BILL ITSELF

An act relating to health insurance coverage for donated human breast milk

VT H0521 Introduced · recorded 2025-05-21

WHAT IT DOES

Health plans would have to pay for donated breast milk, helping families who need it and lowering out of pocket costs.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (VT H0521) — <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.521>

LegiScan — H0521 — <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0521/2025>

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