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### [House Reviews Tourism Budget Bill](#)

The House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development took testimony on increased investment in destination marketing. Individuals and businesses can join the Vermont Chamber in urging the Legislature to invest in Vermont tourism by signing the petition to show support of the increased investment.

### [Consensus Lacking on Act 250 Bill](#)

The House Natural Resources Committee continued deliberations on legislation that would overhaul Act 250 but lacks consensus on a path forward. The Vermont Chamber remains supportive of recommendations jointly offered by the Scott Administration and the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

### [Senate Passes \\$121 Million Minimum Wage Bill](#)

The Senate passed a minimum wage bill that would cost businesses \$121 million in additional payroll allocation if signed into law. The Vermont Chamber has repeatedly testified on the negative impacts of additional minimum wage increases beyond those already in statute.

### [Vermont Chamber Testifies on Non-Compete Agreements](#)

The Vermont Chamber has testified multiple times on a bill that seeks to limit the use of non-compete agreements, and again delivered verbal testimony this week. Non-compete agreements aid in the protection of proprietary and confidential information, intellectual property, and customer relationships.

### **[Medical Monitoring Bill Puts Vermont's Agricultural Supply Chain at Risk](#)**

The Senate Agriculture Committee reviewed S.37 with an eye on protecting Vermont's farming and agricultural economy. While there is an exemption for the use of pesticides, S.37 would put the farming supply chain at risk.

### **[Conference Committee Advanced Employee Misclassification Bill](#)**

A conference committee of House and Senate legislators agreed to a bill that would allow the Attorney General to investigate businesses that have misclassified multiple workers within a set time period. The Vermont Chamber thinks legislation that would duplicate regulatory frameworks to existing and otherwise functional enforcement systems is unnecessary.

### **[In Case You Missed It](#)**

**Legislation:** **[Tobacco Industry Targets Vermont's Proposed Ban on Menthol Products](#)**

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