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Bill	Summary	Update
S.202 An act relating to portable solar energy generation devices	This bill proposes to allow portable solar energy generation devices to be installed without a certificate of public good. This bill also ensures that if federal appliance energy efficiency standards are rolled back or eliminated, Vermont will maintain the standards that were in place as of January 1, 2025.	Signed by Governor on June 16, 2026.
S.212 An act relating to potable water supply and wastewater system connections	This bill simplifies the process to approve hook ups to municipal water and wastewater systems, which should help promote smart growth and increased density in our designated growth areas.	Signed by Governor on June 18, 2026.
S.219 An act relating to an energy navigator program report	This bill would direct the Department of Public Service (PSD) to contract with a third-party consultant to design a community-based home energy navigator and coaching program for residential consumers to provide in-person and remote energy coaching services to residential consumers on topics such as weatherization, home energy efficiency, clean energy investments, and project financing.	Passed the Senate; was not advanced by the House.

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S.325 An act relating to regional planning and Act 250 Tier jurisdiction	The bill repeals two major provisions of Act 181 – the Road Rule and Tier 3 – it extends several dates associated with interim housing exemptions, streamlines and makes more flexible the regional planning process required to implement Tier 1A/1B areas, provides a limited exemption from Act 250 for on-farm accessory businesses, and extends certain deadlines associated with implementation of Act 154, Vermont’s environmental justice (EJ) law. The bill also requires several reports from the LURB and creates a new legislative Joint Oversight Committee focused on LURB and ANR, which sunsets in 2029. Most of the proposals were in response to significant testimony that Act 181 as passed resulted in inequitable impacts on rural communities and landowners.	Signed by Governor on June 16, 2026.
H.710 An act relating to defining electricity generating facilities	This bill establishes a new definition of ‘single-plant’ which will make the process to co-locate multiple solar generations facilities on the same parcel clearer and more predictable.	Vetoed by Governor on June 17, 2026. See Veto Letter here.

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H.727 An act relating to sustainable data center deployment	This bill would establish a framework for the regulation of data center construction and operation. It would establish a definition of data centers, set regulatory requirements for data center construction and operation, and specify the respective duties of State departments, agencies, and commissions.	Vetoed by Governor on May 28, 2026. See Veto Letter here.
H.740 An act related to greenhouse gas inventory and registry	This bill would give authority to the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt rules that create a comprehensive greenhouse gas emission reporting program and provide a \$500k base appropriation to support the on-going work required for implementation.	Versions were passed by the House and Senate; Committee of Conference report was not adopted by the House before the close of the legislative session.
H.915 An act relating to establishing an extended producer responsibility program for beverage containers	This bill would create a producer responsibility organization (PRO) for certain beverage containers by January 1, 2027. Beverage initiators, which are primarily manufacturers and distributors, would be required to participate in the PRO to sell beverages in the State.	Signed by Governor on June 17, 2026.

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H.944 An act relating to the fiscal year 2027 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation	This bill adopts and amends Vermont's annual Transportation Program. It contains numerous statutory amendments and funding authorization related to transportation, including and not limited to the following impacts to Electric Vehicles: right to charge for condos and other co-owned properties, improvements to the use of public EV chargers, and EV mileage-based user fee.	Signed by Governor on June 18, 2026.