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## TITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

### CHAPTER 1. Statues.

#### **1-1-1** **Invalid Statues**

Notwithstanding the inclusion in the House Code of statutory provisions declared impliedly repealed, unconstitutional, or otherwise, those provisions have only such force as they had before the enactment of House Code.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 2*

#### **1-1-2** **Effective Dates**

(a) Each provision of each Act passed at a session of the assembly takes effect immediately upon the signature of the Speaker, unless a different time is specified in the Act.

(1) Subsection (a) does not apply to Acts that are vetoed by the Speaker.

(b) If the House passes over the Speaker's veto, each provision of each Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 3*

#### **1-1-3** **Revival, Release, or Extinguishment**

Whenever a statute is repealed which repealed a former statute, the former statute shall not thereby be revived unless it shall be so expressly provided. The repeal of any statute shall not have the effect to release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under such statute, unless the repealing statute shall so expressly provide; and

such statute shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purposes of sustaining any proper action or prosecution for the enforcement of such penalty, forfeiture, or liability.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 4*

#### **1-1-4 Hierarchy of Law**

The House of Commons laws governing itself is declared to be:

- (1) The Constitution of the United States;
- (2) The Laws of the State of Indiana;
- (3) The Laws of the United States of America; and
- (4) The Laws of the House of Commons.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 5*

#### **1-1-5 Right to Amend or Repeal**

- (a) Each law of the House is enacted subject to the right of the assembly to amend or repeal that law at any time.
- (b) The House may from time to time amend House Code by passing a Joint Resolution.
- (c) The Joint Resolution must cite the code and the proposed amendment.
- (d) If passed and Assented, the Code is amended.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 6; Pub. L. 221-03, Sec. 7(a), (b), (c), (d)*

#### **1-1-5.5 Removal of (a) in One Clause Sections**

Sections that are only one clause, shall have the "(a)" before them removed. Any section that has more than one clause shall have a subsection letter before each clause.

*Pub. L. 221-12, Sec. 4*

#### **1-1-6 Public Law**

- (a) Upon the signature of the Speaker for any joint resolution or bill passed by the House, it shall be enacted and enforced upon its signature, unless otherwise specified.
- (b) Public Laws shall be numbered XXX-XX, with the first two (2) XX's indicating the last two digits of the calendar year. The third (3) X shall indicate the session the House is in. All X's following the dash shall start at 01 and proceed in a chronological order upon each assent of public law.
- (c) Public Laws shall be cited as "Pub. L. XXX-XX".
- (d) Joint Resolutions are not considered Public Laws, but they may amend House Code.

*Pub. L. 221-03, Sec. 3*

**1-1-7 House Code Numbering**

- (a) This Section of the Act shall supersede and replace Section 4 of Public Law 221-03.
- (b) The House of Commons Code shall be divided into the following categories:
- (1) Titles;
  - (2) Chapters; and
  - (3) Sections.
- (c) TITLES.—Shall be created by the Clerk of the House to organize the Code as necessary. Titles should be broad subjects.
- (d) CHAPTERS.—Shall be created by the Clerk of the House and are more specific topics within a Title.
- (e) SECTIONS.—Shall be added by the Clerk in response to each Act passed and assented by the Speaker.
- (1) A Section in each Act cannot be split. (e.g. Section 2(a) and Section 2(b) cannot be split. All of Section 2 must be in on Section of Code.)
  - (2) Sections can be repealed and therefore should have all text stricken and replace with "REPEALED" next to the citation.
  - (3) Sections can be amended with new Acts passed and assented. Each section shall list the Public Law (Pub. L.) number and the Section of that Pub. L. in the Section of the Code. Amendments to the Section shall reference the new Pub. L. number and section.
  - (4) House Code shall not contain Title or unnecessary clauses from Acts passed.
- (f) Upon an Act passing the House and signed into Law, the Clerk shall take each Section for the assented Act and place in in the appropriate Titles (see subsection (c)) and Chapters (see subsection (d)).
- (g) House code should be cited as follows:
- (1) § X-X-X.X                      Section Title.
  - (2) The first "X" shall indicate the Title;
  - (3) The second "X" shall indicate the Chapter;
  - (4) The third "X" shall indicate the Section; and
  - (5) The fourth "X", following the point, shall indicate a new section that corresponds to the section above it; however not all Sections will have this ".X". (e.g. 2-1-1 and 2-1-1.5 shall show that 2-1-1.5 corresponds to 2-1-1.)

(h) REPLACEMENT CLAUSE.—These changes to House Code shall be reflective in a new version of the Code, which shall be cited as “2022 Code”, and the Clerk shall work to create and finish by December 31, 2022.

(1) Any bills or joint resolutions passed and assented before the 2022 Code is completed shall be added to the 2021 Code. Anything passed and assented past December 31, 2022 must be added to the 2022 Code only.

(i) The remainder of Public Law 221-03 shall be in effect for all purposes.

*Pub. L. 221-03, Sec. 4; Amended by Pub. L. 221-12, Sec. 3*

### **1-1-8 Code Citations**

(a) House Code shall be cited as follows:

- (1) HCC § X-X-X(subsection) (year).
- (2) X's shall indicate the Title, Chapter, and Section being cited.
- (3) If a subsection is being cited, it must be added following the X's, with no space.
- (4) The year the Act was passed and added to House Code shall be added following the X's and subsection, if applicable, and shall have a space between.

*Pub. L. 221-03, Sec. 5*

### **1-1-8.5 Archiving Old Code Citations**

(a) House of Commons Code (HCC), established in 2021, shall be updated in the following ways:

- (1) The Current Code citation format shall be archived. A version of this Code shall be considered the “2021 Code” and the Clerk shall make this version of the Code available electronically.
- (2) Following the enactment of this Act, the Clerk shall work with the Speaker to update the House code in a new format outlined in Section 3 of this Act.
- (3) Code citations shall be updated within reason in respect to these changes. The 2021 Code shall remain a resource to reference older citations.

*Pub. L. 221-12, Sec. 2*

### **1-1-9 REPEALED**

### **1-1-10 Definitions**

(a) “*Session*”. is defined as either the 1st Session of the Assembly, which runs from January to June or the 2nd Session of the Assembly, which runs from July to December.

(b) "Assent". is defined as when the Speaker of the House signs an enrolled and/or engrossed bill.

(c) "Code". is defined as the House of Commons Code (HCC).

*Pub. L. 221-03, Sec. 8*

## CHAPTER 2. Veto.

### **1-2-1 Effective Over Veto**

If the House passes over the Speaker's veto, each provision of each Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 3(b)*

### **1-2-2 Joint Resolutions**

The Speaker has the authority to Veto Joint Resolutions.

*Pub. L. 221-03, Sec. 7(e)*

## CHAPTER 3. Holidays.

### **1-3-1 Legal Holidays**

(a) The following are legal holidays in the House of Commons for all purposes:

- (1) New Year's Day, January 1;
- (2) Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day, the third Monday in January;
- (3) Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, February 12;
- (4) George Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February;
- (5) Good Friday, a movable feast day;
- (6) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- (7) Independence Day, July 4;
- (8) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;
- (9) Election Day, the day of election;
- (10) Veterans Day, November 11;
- (11) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;
- (12) Christmas Day, December 25;
- (13) Leo Day, June 12;
- (14) Juneteenth, June 19;

(15) Timothy Cavinder Day, November 12; and

(16) Jaxon Day, January 5.

(b) This section does not affect any action taken by the Speaker, the Assembly while in session, or any agency. Any action taken by these shall be valid for all purposes.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 8*

## TITLE 2. THE HOUSE

### CHAPTER 1. Misc.

#### **2-1-1** **Standard Time**

The House shall follow the time as designated by the location of the House in which the County the House resides in.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 7*

#### **2-1-2** **LGBTQ+ Support Findings**

(a) The House finds that—

(1) The House recognizes that all people should be treated equally.

(2) Members of the House support the rights and freedoms of individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ).

(3) On June 26, 2003, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Lawrence v. Texas* that States could no longer criminalize the private conduct in which same-sex couples engage.

(4) On June 26, 2013, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *United States v. Windsor* that section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional and the Federal Government could no longer restrict married same-sex couples from receiving Federal benefits and protections.

(5) On June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and States could no longer discriminate against same-sex couples when recognizing or licensing a marriage.

(6) Supreme Court decisions handed down on June 26 ended marriage discrimination and the criminalization of same-sex private intimate conduct under the law.

(7) LGBTQ people and their allies have worked together for over 60 years to make progress toward achieving full equality for all people in the United States, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



(8) LGBTQ people in the United States continue to face many barriers to the American dream that cannot be solved through courtroom litigation alone.

(9) transgender people and LGBTQ people of color are disproportionately and uniquely burdened by such barriers, including violence, discrimination, poverty, and societal isolation.

(10) although victories at the Supreme Court have affirmed the dignity and equality of millions of same-sex couples, statutory reforms are needed to ensure LGBTQ people in the United States are free from discrimination and have equal access to the American dream.

(b) Further, the House finds that—

(1) All peoples in the House of Commons and across the county should be treated with respect and dignity.

(2) Jazz Jennings is a famous transgender person and has, and continues to, advocate for LGBTQ+ people.

(3) Jazz has changed the world for transgender youth simply by being herself (The Washington Post).

(4) Jazz's decision to be transgender was not a choice, but simply the way she was born.

(c) Further, the House finds that—

(1) Children can determine their gender identity within 18 to 24 months after birth, according to the Mayo Clinic.

(2) Transphobic remarks have been a reason for suicide among transgender people.

*Pub. L. 212-08, Sec. 2*

### **2-1-3 Supporting All Peoples**

(a) The House shall have the power to censure any member that make any remarks that are offensive to LGBTQ+ peoples.

(b) The House shall have the power to remove the right to vote on any matters before the House on any member who makes any offensive comments towards LGBTQ+ peoples for a maximum of thirty (30) calendar days.

(c) The House shall display a "LGBTQ+ Flag" in replace of the Indiana flag in the month of June.

*Pub. L. 212-08, Sec. 3*

**2-1-4                      Misinformation is Deadly Findings**

The House finds that—

- (1) Misinformation of any time or situation can be deadly to those involved.
- (2) Online information about LGBTQ+ people that is misleading can be deadly to transgender youth.

*Pub. L. 212-08, Sec. 4*

**2-1-5                      REPEALED****2-1-6                      Collection of Monetary Relief Awarded**

(a) The Inspector General shall be permitted to take all actions necessary to collect monetary relief awarded by the Inspector General under HCC §§ 2-2-7(c), 2-2-8(e), and 2-2-9(c).

(b) All money collected by the Inspector General shall be turned over to the Department of Revenue (DOR).

(c) STATUES OF LIMITATIONS.—The Inspector General shall not request payment, nor should the party owe money, if one of the following is met:

- (1) It has been 365 days from the date of the issued decision; or
- (2) It has been forgiven by the House Assembly through a resolution.

(d) Should a Member have a business under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce and have a(n) outstanding amount of money they owe that has not been paid within sixty (60) days from the date of the issuance of the decision, the Agency and the Secretary shall have the authority to collect up to sixty (60%) percent of the businesses profit within a three-month period for the purposes of collecting monetary relief awarded.

(e) A Member shall pay, in full, the amount they owe within sixty (60) days from the date the decision came out.

(f) Members who fail to pay within the requirements of subsection (e) shall be subject to forced collection, which shall be managed by the Department of Revenue.

(g) The Department of Revenue shall have the authority to:

- (1) withdraw funds from a bank account in the Member's name; and
- (2) sell assets in the Member's name.

(h) The Department of Revenue shall inform the Member when they have ten (10) days left to pay before the Member is subject to forced collection."

*Pub. L. 221-13, Sec. 4; Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 7; Pub. L. 231-03, Sec. 8; Amended by Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 9*

**2-1-7 REPEALED**

**CHAPTER 2. Members.**

**2-2-1 Members**

(a) The House shall be composed of Members who reside in the House for living purposes.

(b) The House may not enter anyone into the House who does not reside.

(c) Members shall only represent themselves in all matters pertaining to the House.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 9*

**2-2-2 Infraction**

Members may receive an infraction that shall not be subject to more than \$20.

*Pub. L. 221-13, Sec. 6*

**2-2-3 Misdemeanors**

Misdemeanors shall be classified as lower, less serious crimes and can be issued in the following classes:

- (1) Class C - shall not be subject to more than \$50;
- (2) Class B - shall not be subject to more than \$150; and
- (3) Class A - shall not be subject to more than \$200.

*Pub. L. 221-13, Sec. 7*

**2-2-4 Felonies**

Felonies shall be classified as higher, more serious crimes and can be issued in the following classes:

- (1) Class D - shall not be subject to more than \$100;
- (2) Class C - shall not be subject to more than \$200;
- (3) Class B - shall not be subject to more than \$500; and
- (4) Class A - shall not be subject to more than \$1,000.

*Pub. L. 221-13, Sec. 8*

**2-2-5 Definitions**

(a) "*Civil crime*".—Where one Member files a complaint against another Member for allegedly violating a House statute or common law that concerns the plaintiff.

- (b) "*Plaintiff*" "*Petitioner*".—The Member who files the complaint.
- (c) "*Criminal crime*".—Where the Sergeant-at-Arms or the Speaker, on behalf of the House of Commons, issues a fine and files a complaint against a Member for allegedly violating a House statute or common law that is within the concern of the House as a whole.
- (d) "*Administrative complaint*".—Where statute permits, a Member may file a complaint with a House agency as defined in statute to remedy a situation.
- (e) "*Defendant*".—The Member who is responding to the complaint.
- (f) "*Agency*".—One of the following entities:
- (1) The Health Advisor of the House;
  - (2) The Department of Revenue;
  - (3) The Department of Commerce; or
  - (4) The Office of the Inspector General.
- (g) "*Default judgement*".—Whereas the defendant fails to answer the complaint, the Inspector General shall automatically order the plaintiff's as the presiding party.

*Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 2*

### **2-2-6 Types of Complaints**

- (a) CIVIL COMPLAINT.—Whereas a Member files a complaint with the House against another Member of the House for an alleged violation of a House statute or a common law that is in concern of the plaintiff.
- (b) CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.—Whereas a Member with the authority and title of Sergeant-at-Arms or the Speaker, acting on behalf of the House of Commons, issues a fine and complaint against a Member of the House for allegedly violating a House statute, common law, or a Rule of the House that is within the concern of the House as a whole.
- (1) A criminal complaint cannot be filed if the Sergeant-at-Arms nor the Speaker saw the alleged action occurred. A civil complaint may be filed by the injured party.
  - (2) DOUBLE JEOPARDY.—A Member cannot receive a duplicate civil and criminal complaint for the same allegation(s).
  - (3) ENFORCEMENT OF HOUSE CODE.—The Speaker and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for enforcing House of Commons Code and House Administrative Code.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT.—Whereas a Member has the right only when granted in statute to file a complaint against a House agency if the Member has had:

- (1) their rights violated in respect to action the agency took; or
- (2) the agency makes a ruling (e.g., the agency rejects a Member's claim; the agency removes a particular status with the Member) in relation to the Member.

*Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 4*

## **2-2-7** Civil Complaints

(a) CIVIL COMPLAINT FILING REQUIREMENTS.—The Member shall file a complaint:

- (1) within one-hundred and eighty (180) days of the alleged violation occurring;
- (2) with the Office of Inspector General; and shall
- (3) include the following in the complaint:
  - (A) the plaintiff's name;
  - (B) the defendant's name;
  - (C) the statute or common law violation, including all facts and findings;
  - (D) the date the violation occurred; and
  - (E) the request for relief.

(b) CIVIL COMPLIANT HEARING.—Upon filing a complaint:

- (1) The defendant shall be presented a copy of the complaint and shall answer within thirty (30) days, in writing, including all respective facts and findings from the defendant, from the receipt of the complaint; and
- (2) upon an answer in subsection (b)(1), the Inspector General shall conduct at least one (1) hearing within a reasonable time after the answer into the alleged violation of law, which shall allow:
  - (A) both parties to address their case;
  - (B) witnesses to testify on behalf of the parties;
  - (C) the Inspector General to ask questions to either party.
- (3) Should it be necessary, additional hearings may be conducted at the discretion of the Inspector General.

(c) CIVIL COMPLAINT DECISION.—Following at least one (1) hearing, the Inspector General shall issue a written decision within forty-five (45) days of the last hearing that shall include:

- (1) the Inspector General's findings;
- (2) the party that shall prevail; and
- (3) relief that is granted, which may be different from the plaintiff's request, or denied if the defendant is found to be innocent.

*Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 5*

### **2-2-8 Criminal Complaints**

(a) FINES.—Upon filing a complaint, the authorized person, as described in HCC § 2-2-6(b)(3), shall issue a ticket to the alleged Member in violation of the statute(s), common law, or Rule(s) of the House in an amount either:

- (1) as prescribed in statute or Rule; or, if not prescribed;
- (2) in an amount to be fair, not to exceed one-thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(b) PAYING FINES.—Should a Member choose to pay a fine prior to a ruling, they waive their right to a hearing and by paying the fine, they presume themselves to be guilty of the crime they are accused of.

- (1) Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to HCC § 2-1-6.
- (2) Collected amounts under this section shall become the property of DOR.

(c) CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILING REQUIREMENTS.—The authorized party shall file a complaint:

- (1) within one-hundred and eighty (180) days of the alleged violation occurring or finding out about the alleged violation;
- (2) with the Office of Inspector General; and shall
- (3) include the following in the complaint:
  - (A) the authorized person filing the complaint, either the Sergeant-at-Arms or the Speaker;
  - (B) the defendant's name;
  - (C) the statute, common law, or Rule violated, including all facts and findings;
  - (D) the date the violation occurred; and

(E) the penalties of the crime, if prescribed in statute, or the penalty the authorized party wishes to seek.

(d) CRIMINAL COMPLIANT HEARING.—Upon filing a complaint:

(1) The defendant shall be presented a copy of the complaint and shall answer within thirty (30) days, in writing, including all respective facts and findings from the defendant, from the receipt of the complaint; and

(2) upon an answer in subsection (b)(1), the Inspector General shall conduct at least one (1) hearing within a reasonable time after the answer into the alleged violation of law, which shall allow:

(A) both parties to address their case;

(B) witnesses to testify on behalf of the parties;

(C) the Inspector General to ask questions to either party.

(3) Should it be necessary, additional hearings may be conducted at the discretion of the Inspector General.

(e) CRIMINAL COMPLANT DECISION.—Following at least one (1) hearing, the Inspector General shall issue a written decision within forty-five (45) days of the last hearing that shall include:

(1) the Inspector General's findings;

(2) the party that shall prevail; and

(3) relief, should the defendant be found guilty, which shall be either:

(A) at most, the amount of money prescribed in statute or the Rule; or, if not prescribed;

(B) an amount not to exceed one-thousand dollars (\$1,000).

*Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 6*

### **2-2-9 Administrative Complaints**

(a) ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT FILING REQUIREMENTS.—The Member shall file a complaint:

(1) if they are given a right under statute to pursue an administrative complaint against the Agency for the particular grievance they are facing;

(2) within the timeframe granted in statute for the particular Agency;

(3) with the Office of Inspector General; and shall

(4) include the following in the complaint:

- (A) the plaintiff's name;
- (B) the defendant's name, which should be the Agency;
- (C) all facts and findings about the situation;
- (D) the date the Agency took action on the Member; and
- (E) the specific request for relief, which must conform to statutory limits.
  - (i) Request for monetary relief may only be granted if statute permits such relief with the Agency.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANT HEARING.—Upon filing a complaint:

- (1) The Agency shall be presented a copy of the complaint and shall answer within thirty (30) days, in writing, including all respective facts and findings from the Agency, from the receipt of the complaint; and
- (2) upon an answer in subsection (b)(1), the Inspector General shall conduct at least one (1) hearing within a reasonable time after the answer into the alleged violation of law, which shall allow:
  - (A) both parties to address their case;
  - (B) witnesses to testify on behalf of the parties; and
  - (C) the Inspector General to ask questions to either party.
- (3) Should it be necessary, additional hearings may be conducted at the discretion of the Inspector General.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT DECISION.—Following at least one (1) hearing, the Inspector General shall issue a written decision within forty-five (45) days of the last hearing that shall include:

- (1) the Inspector General's findings;
- (2) the party that shall prevail; and
- (3) relief that is granted, which may be different from the plaintiff's request, or denied if:
  - (A) the Agency is found to be innocent of any violations;
  - (B) the Agency operated within its capacity; or
  - (C) the Agency's decision, specifically revoking, was within reason.

*Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 7*



**2-2-10** **Complaint Actions**

(a) COMPLAINT MOTIONS.—Either party may move any of the following motions, and the Inspector General shall issue a decision on each motion within a reasonable timeframe:

(1) MOTION TO DISMISS.—If the complaint has been resolved before a decision has been issued or if there are no longer any issues, either party may move to dismiss.

(A) Should both parties wish to dismiss, they must both sign said motion.

(2) MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME.—Should either party need more time to respond to a complaint, either party may move to enlarge the time they have to respond.

(b) FAILURE TO ANSWER COMPLAINT.—Should the defendant fail to answer a complaint, the plaintiff shall move for default judgement and the Inspector General shall determine if a hearing is needed to determine that the party willing refused to respond to the complaint, and upon the conclusion of the hearing, or if was not deemed necessary, shall issue a decision within ten (10) days.

(c) AGGRAVATED FACTORS.—If the defendant has a history of committing crimes, they may be taken into account when issuing relief in a criminal complaint.

(d) The Inspector General shall have the authority to establish rules of conduct for hearings, including establishing criteria to grant or deny certain motions, which shall be published and subject to House Administrative Code rules.

*Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 8; Pub. L. 232-10, Sec. 1-2*

**2-2-11** **Additional Complaint Regulations**

(a) PROHIBITION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—The Sergeant-at-Arms cannot also be the Inspector General.

(b) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—Complaints must be filed:

(1) if civil, within 180 days after the violation;

(2) if criminal, within 180 days after the violation or 180 days after knowing about the violation; or

(3) if administrative, within the timeframe prescribed in statute.

(c) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The Inspector General does not have the authority to strike House of Commons Code or House Administrative Code statutes as unconstitutional, but may suggest in their opinion that a statute may be and ask the House of Commons Assembly to correct it.

(d) AGENCY REPORTING VIOLATIONS.—Should an Agency believe that a Member has violated a statute or an Administrative Code that is within the Agency's jurisdiction, it shall report the suspected violation to the Sergeant-at-Arms who shall determine if they will file a criminal complaint against the Member, notwithstanding HCC § 2-2-6(b)(1).

*Pub. L. 232-01, Sec. 9*

### **2-2-11.5 Monetary Relief Collection**

(a) CIVIL COMPLAINT.—Should the Inspector General award monetary relief to a party, that money should be collected in accordance with HCC § 2-1-6 and DOR shall pay all parties that are awarded the monetary relief within a reasonable amount of time after collection.

(b) CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.—Should the Inspector General award monetary relief to the Speaker or Sergeant-at-Arms, acting on behalf of the House of Commons, shall collect monetary relief in accordance with HCC § 2-1-6 and the money shall be the property of DOR.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT.—Should the Inspector General award monetary relief to a party, that money should be collected in accordance with HCC § 2-1-6 and DOR shall pay all parties that are awarded the monetary relief within a reasonable amount of time after collection.

(d) Monetary relief granted to the House of Commons shall become the property of DOR.

*Pub. L. 232-08, Sec. 2*

## CHAPTER 3. Legislation Tasks.

### **2-3-1 First Meeting of the Assembly**

The first assembly each year shall convene on the first Sunday in January at noon to do the following:

- (1) Organize itself;
- (2) Elect the Speaker and respective officers; and
- (3) Take the Oath of Office.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 10*

### **2-3-2 Establishment of Rules**

The House shall establish rules for its proceedings that are consistent with the House Code and does not violate any Laws on the federal, state, or local level.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 11*

**2-3-3 Filing of Bills and Resolutions**

Bills and resolutions may be filed and assigned to committees at anytime after the convening of a session in accordance with the Rules of the House.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 12*

**2-3-4 Preparation of Calendar**

The Speaker shall prepare a calendar in accordance with the Rules of the House.

*Pub. L. 221-08, Sec. 13*

**CHAPTER 4. House Renovations.****2-4-1 REPEALED****2-4-2 Outdoor**

(a) Landscaping—the House of Commons driveway shall be updated with landscaping throughout as shall be determined by the Speaker of the House

(b) Damages—Any damage to the House itself or its subsequent property by anyone under the enactment of this Act is subject to one of the following:

(1) Filing of an Insurance Claim with the insurer signed by the Speaker of the House

(2) Lawsuit filed and signed by the Clerk and Speaker of the House against the individual(s) involved

(c) Subsection (b) shall be in compliance with 3 H.C.C. § 2-3(b) [2021 Citation] with all necessary decelerations

(1) Subsection (b) shall be classified under “damage” as defined under 3 H.C.C. § 2-4(b) [2021 Citation]

(2) 3 H.C.C. § 2-3(c) [2021 Citation] shall not apply to this Act.

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 4; Pub. L. 212-03, Sec. 2*

**2-4-3 REPEALED****2-4-3.5 REPEALED****2-4-4 Deck**

(a) Wood Deck

(b) Wood Stairs

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 6*

**2-4-5 Bathroom**

(a) Upstairs—

(1) Removal all old fixtures

(2) Install New—

- (A) Tub/Shower Combo
- (B) Tub Faucet
- (C) White vanities
- (D) Faucets
- (E) Plate mirrors
- (F) Lite bars
- (G) Exhaust fans
- (H) Ceiling lights
- (I) Toilets
- (J) Shelf Units
- (K) Drywall/Prime as necessary
- (L) Vinyl flooring
- (M) Doors
- (N) Door Trim
- (O) Base Trim

(b) Pursuant to § 11; Install New—

- (A) Shower Unit
- (B) Shower Faucet
- (C) White Vanity
- (D) Vanity Faucet
- (E) Mirror and Lite
- (F) Toilet
- (G) Exhale Fan

(i) Renovate upstairs bathroom as necessary and have a connection to the Master Bedroom and the hallway.

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 7; Pub. L. 212-10, Sec. 2*

**2-4-6 Annex**

- (a) Level floor
- (b) Install vinyl flooring
- (c) Drywall and Prime as necessary
- (d) Closet area
- (e) Coat rack
- (f) Shelf

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 8*

**2-4-7 Stairs**

- (a) Cover concrete with wood treads and risers
- (b) Vinyl planking
- (c) Insulate walls
- (d) Drywall and prime as necessary
- (e) Black metal handrails - upstairs
- (f) Wood handrails – downstairs

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 9*

**2-4-8 Front Porch**

- (a) New concrete with treated wood deck system
- (b) New posts

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 10*

**2-4-9 Basement**

- (a) Walls
- (b) Ceiling – Shall be a tile drop-down style
- (c) Office/Workout Space – This space shall be an office for whom may like and shall also serve as a workout space.
- (d) Laundry Room
- (e) An additional amount of no more than five thousand (\$5,000) may be used to correct errors and/or replacing infrastructure.

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 11; Pub. L. 212-10, Sec. 5*

**2-4-10**                      **Electric**

(a) An emergency outdoor generator shall be setup within five years of enactment of this Act.

(1) Budget shall be apart as set in § 2(b) of this Act.

(b) New Breaker Panels

(c) New electric outlet, switches, boxes to remodeled areas

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 12, Pub. L. 231-01, Sec. 4*

**2-4-11**                      **Plumbing**

(a) Rework Kitchen Drain and Water Lines

(b) Install sewer ejector pump system

(c) New drains and water lines

(d) Exterior hose bibs

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 13*

**2-4-12**                      **Doors**

(a) Exterior doors painted white with black hinges

(1) Front Door

(2) Mud Room Door

(3) French Door—Kitchen to Addition

(b) Interior Doors

(1) White 6-panel Door

(2) Closet Doors

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 14*

**2-4-13**                      **Windows**

(a) Addition of new windows to the following areas—

(1) Living Room

(2) Bedrooms

(3) Bathrooms

(4) Addition

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 15*

**2-4-14**                      **Siding**

(a) Vinyl siding in a color to be determined by the House.

(1) to House and Garage

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 16; Pub. L. 212-10, Sec. 4*

**2-4-15**                      **REPEALED****2-4-16**                      **Misc.**

(a) Building Permit

(b) Tree Removal as necessary

(c) The closet in the Master Bedroom shall be expanded out by using space from the upstairs bathroom.

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 18; Pub. L. 221-10, Sec. 3*

**2-4-17**                      **REPEALED****2-4-18**                      **Cement**

(a) Tim Cavinder shall be the sole power, in consultation with the Speaker, to determine what company, and where cement be updated outside as necessary.

(b) Budget shall be apart as set in § 2(b) of this Act.

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 20*

**2-4-19**                      **Definitions**

(a) *"Deemed appropriate"*.—shall be up to the Chair of Committee on Finance to determine, unless otherwise stated

(b) *"As necessary"*.—shall be up to the Chair of Committee on Finance to determine, unless otherwise stated

(c) *"Room"*.—a space built with four walls, enclosed with drywall and insulation, connected to the House, and emits heat and air conditioning.

*Pub. L. 212-01, Sec. 21*

**2-4-20**                      **Placement of Grass**

(a) Sod shall be placed on the two front lawns of the yard.

(b) Sod will be placed up to the tree/garden shed on the second yard.

(c) Sod shall cover the first yard in the triangle shape.

*Pub. L. 211-03, Sec. 2*

**2-4-21** **REPEALED****2-4-22** **Selection**

(a) The Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources shall determine a location of where the Sod is to be purchased.

(b) The Speaker shall authorize necessary equipment and/or members needed to fulfill this Act.

*Pub. L. 211-03, Sec. 4*

**2-4-23** **Ducks**

(a) Ducks shall not be permitted on the front lawns during the duration of this Act.

(b) The blue pool shall move across the driveway and shall remain there unless otherwise directed by the Speaker.

*Pub. L. 211-03, Sec. 5*

**2-4-24** **Funding**

The Department of Revenue shall have the authority to spend costs necessary for enactment of this Act, not to exceed \$100,000

*Pub. L. 211-03, Sec. 6; Amended by Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 14*

**2-4-25** **2024 Funding**

In accordance with Public Law No. 212-01, the gentlewoman Christina Cavinder shall have the authority to spend the amount necessary to fulfill this Act and shall not exceed \$250,000, which shall include all amounts from settlements.

*Pub. L. 231-01, Sec. 2; Amended by Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 14*

**2-4-26** **REPEALED****2-4-26.5** **REPEALED****CHAPTER 5. Damages and Emergencies.****2-5-1** **Funding Damages**

The Department of Revenue shall have the authority to spend the amount necessary to fulfil a State of Emergency under [HCC § 2-5-6\(e\)\(4\)](#).

*Pub. L. 212-02, Sec. 2*

**2-5-2** **REPEALED****2-5-3** **Definitions**

(a) "Storm". Any rain, snow, or hail that producing thunder or another form of damage to the House that may be classified by the National Weather Service.



(b) "*Damage*". Physical destruction in such a way as to impair its value, usefulness, or normal function.

(c) "*Disaster*". A sudden and/or unusual event that causes damage.

*Pub. L. 212-02, Sec. 4*

#### **2-5-4 Insurance**

The Chair of the Committee of Finance or their respective designee shall call the insurance company of this House for guidance on next steps to make all necessary repairs.

*Pub. L. 212-02, Sec. 5*

#### **2-5-5 Under \$1,000 Repairs**

Those repairs under the cost of \$1,000 shall come out-of-pocket of the Department of Revenue.

*Pub. L. 212-02, Sec. 6*

#### **2-5-6 Emergency Deceleration**

(a) The Speaker shall have the sole power to declare a State of Emergency by declaration if the Speaker determines that:

- (1) a disaster has occurred;
- (2) the threat of a disaster is imminent; or
- (3) it is necessary to control a situation that is abnormal.

(b) The State of Emergency shall continue until the Speaker:

- (1) declares that the threat has passed or that the disaster or situation has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and
- (2) terminates the State of Emergency by declaration.

(c) A State of Emergency shall not extend beyond thirty (30) days unless the State of Emergency is renewed by the Speaker.

(d) The House may, by resolution, terminate a State of Emergency at any time. Should the House terminate a State of Emergency, the Speaker shall issue a declaration ending said State of Emergency.

(e) The Speaker shall have the following powers while a State of Emergency exists:

- (1) Suspend the provisions of any House Administrative Code (HAC) if any of these provisions would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

- (2) Use all available resources of the House reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster of the emergency;
- (3) Limit the movement of travel within the House should said travel pose a risk to people;
- (4) Provide funding in order to deal with the emergency; and
- (5) Allow persons who are not generally permitted the permission to perform tasks in order to assist with the emergency.

*Pub. L. 221-05, Sec. 2*

### **2-5-7                      Vacancy of the House**

- (a) When an active declaration or State of Emergency is declared, any Member may introduce a Resolution asking the vacancy of the House for the specified in the deceleration.
- (b) The Resolution must pass with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority and a recorded vote is required.
- (c) When the State of Indiana Department of Homeland Security declares the County in orange or red, the Resolution shall be considered as void regardless of its passage.

*Pub. L. 221-05, Sec. 3*

## CHAPTER 6. Furthering Replacements.

**2-6-1                      REPEALED**

**2-6-2                      REPEALED**

**2-6-3                      REPEALED**

## CHAPTER 7. Contractor Standards and Accountability.

### **2-7-1                      Standards and Nomination**

- (a) BASIC STANDARDS.—A Contractor may only be considered and employed by the House if all of the following standards are met:
  - (1) The Contractor is insured;
  - (2) The Contractor is bonded;
  - (3) The Contractor is not retired nor receives any form of Social Security benefits;
  - (4) The Contractor does not have plans to commit any crime against the House; and
  - (5) Be a resident or be primarily employed in the State of Indiana.
- (b) REFERENCES.—The Committee on Rules & Reform must receive two (2) references within two (2) years of date of nomination.

(c) CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD.—All Contractors and Assistants are bound to provide a Limited Criminal History record by the Indiana State Police within thirty (30) days from the date of nomination under the reasoning for applied for employment with an individual.

(d) DISQUALIFICATION STANDARD.—It shall be in the Speaker’s discretion if a contractor or an assistant should be disqualified if a criminal record exists; however must not solely be on any protected rights under State and Federal law.

(1) The House shall not be subject to reimbursement under § 1(c) of the Act.

(e) CONSIDERED AS A NOMINATION.—The Contractor is considered as a nominated position.

(1) The Speaker’s communication on this nomination shall be referred to the Committee on Rules & Reform.

(2) The Speaker may only call up this nomination if all requirements are met and verified by the Committee on Rules & Reform.

(3) This nomination is not confined to Members of the House.

(f) APPOINTMENT.—The Committee on Rules & Reform shall receive the nomination from the Speaker of the House and verify all requirements and references are met as described in this Section of the Act.

(1) An appointment shall only happen when the House passes a renovation bill and a contract has been proposed by the Contractor.

(g) COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.—The Committee, upon verification of requirements, shall discharge consideration on the House Floor. The Committee does not take a vote on the nomination. The Committee must report its results within thirty (30) days from the date of nomination stating if the person meets the requirements under this Act.

(h) FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OR REFERENCES.—Anyone who fails to meet either the requirements in subsection (a) or references in subsection (b), or any other requirement as set in this Act, shall be considered as disqualified to serve in the nominated role.

(j) APPLICIABILITY. —

(1) This Section shall only apply to further contractors from the date of enactment.

(2) ASSISTANTS OR HELPERS.—The assistant shall be subject, but not limited, to the following:

(A) INSURED AND BONDED.—The assistant must either be personally insured and bonded, or via his contractor.

(B) SOCIAL SECURITY.— The assistant must prove that he does not receive any form of social security benefits; unless they met the exemption clause in § 5(d) of this Act.

(C) ACTIONS.—The assistant may be found in violation of Crimes as described in § 3 of this Act.

(D) PAYMENT.—The assistant is not subject to payment by the House.

(E) NOMINATION.—The assistant is not subject to nomination.

(F) DEFENTION.— “Assistant”. is defined as any helper or person who provides help to a Contractor.

(3) This Section does apply to any previous contractors, unless the House votes unanimously to suspend the requirements in light of previous experience.

(A) If the House does not get the votes to suspend the rules, it does not disqualify the appointment.

(k) CONTRACT.—The House must verify that the Contract presented by the Contractor meets all state and federal laws and provides complete details. A vote on the nomination cannot take place until this section is satisfied.

*Pub. L. 222-01, Sec. 2*

### **2-7-2 Contractor Specific Crimes**

(a) The following actions shall be considered as an unlawful act under the Criminal Code Act (*Pub. L. 221-13*) and subject to punishment:

(1) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—It shall be unlawful for a Contractor or an Assistant to the Contractor to not purposefully comply with a written or verbal order from any Member of the House.

(2) DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.—It shall be unlawful for a Contractor or an Assistant to the Contractor to damage any personal or House property.

(b) PUNISHMENT.—

(1) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE.—Authorized persons as described in HCC § 2-2-6(b)(3) shall have the ability to issue criminal complaints against a contractor for violations of House of Commons Code or House Administrative Code.

(2) GENERAL CONSEQUENCES.—

(A) SUSPENSION OF WORK.—The House may suspend a Contractor from working, with or without pay, for up to thirty (30) days.

(B) FINANCIAL DEDUCTION.—The House may deduct money granted to the Contractor up to the amount of no more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

(3) SPECIFIC OWES DUE.—Under subsection (a)(2), the House may, if deemed warranted, take the Contractor to Court in order to collect the funds necessary to repair the damages if there is a lack of payment within thirty (30) days from the date of damage (*Cavinder, et al v. Neal (2022)*); notwithstanding the Criminal Code Act (*Pub. L. 221-13*) and the Storm Damage Act (*Pub. L. 212-02*).

(4) TERMINATION.—If so warranted, the House may terminate a Contractor if the House consents to such termination.

(A) A Contractor is considered to be automatically terminated upon completion of all renovations requested by the House.

*Pub. L. 222-01, Sec. 3*

### **2-7-3 Payment Procedures**

(a) REQUEST FOR RESOURCES.—The Contractor will ask the House for resources needed to complete a Renovation Act. With consent of the Speaker, the House will purchase resources deemed necessary for the completion of the Act.

(b) EXCEPTION TO CLAUSE.—A Contractor may purchase on his own money resources needed for the House if they are under five hundred dollars (\$500) and may ask to be reimbursed. If the Speaker concurs, he shall be reimbursed.

(1) All parties are bound to report their earnings to the IRS for tax purposes. Failure is subject to removal and referral to the IRS.

*Pub. L. 222-01, Sec. 4*

### **2-7-4 Management**

(a) The Speaker, in coordination with the Clerk, shall manage the process of collecting all required documents from the contractor and the assistant(s).

(b) This may include the creation of forms for the contractor and/or the assistant to complete.

(c) ENSURING BASIC STANDARDS MET.—The Clerk shall ensure that all basic standards as described in § 1 of this Act are met with reasonable proof.

(d) ASSUMED STANDARDS MET CLAUSE.—If the individual is below the age of fifty-five and one-half (55 and ½), the Contractor or the Assistant shall be considered to not be retired nor have received any social security benefits.

(1) The House may ask for the Contractor or the Assistant age for this sole purpose.

*Pub. L. 222-01, Sec. 5*

## CHAPTER 8. Business Commerce and Regulations.

### **2-8-1**            **Creation of the Secretary of Commerce**

There shall be a head of the Agency a Secretary of Commerce (hereinafter referred to in this Act as the "Secretary"), who shall be appointed by the Speaker, with consent of the House.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 2*

### **2-8-2**            **Creation of Department of Commerce**

There is hereby established an Agency of the House to be known as The Department of Commerce (hereinafter referred in this Act as the "Agency").

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 3*

### **2-8-3**            **Businesses Under Jurisdiction**

(a) A business shall fall under the jurisdiction of the secretary and requirements of Title III of this Act if the following are true:

- (1) The business if founded or owned by a Member of the House; and
- (2) The business receives funds from the House in any capacity greater than or equal to ten percent (10%) of the total business assets in a biannual period.

(b) Any person who unlawfully fails to disclose their business is under the jurisdiction of the secretary shall have committed a Class C Felony.

(c) FIRST TWO YEARS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a business shall be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary and Title III if the business is founded or owned by a Member of the House, regardless of the assets funded by the House, the first two years of its existence.

(d) REMOVAL OF JURSDICTION.—Should a business declare on their entity report that less than 10% of the funds are from the House, the Secretary shall notify the business it is no longer subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary and Title III.

- (1) A business that is removed from jurisdiction, but later reaches both requirements in subsection (a), shall notify the Secretary of such and shall re-enter jurisdiction and Title III requirements.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 4*

**2-8-4 Filing of New Business**

(a) Within fifteen (15) days from the date of creation, the Member must complete a form, to be created by the Secretary, collecting information as deemed necessary in order to establish a new business record with the Agency.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a Member to fail to complete subsection (a) requirements.

(c) The Secretary may add a filing fee in amount no more than fifteen (\$15) dollars.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 5*

**2-8-5 Database**

The Secretary shall manage a public database to view all business records filed with the Secretary.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 6*

**2-8-6 Entity Report**

(a) Every two (2) years, not including the date of creation, from the date of creation, the owner shall complete a form, to be created by the Secretary, and managed by the Clerk, collecting the following information:

- (1) name of business;
- (2) email address of business;
- (3) current principal office address;
- (4) current filing year;
- (5) past filing years on this form;
- (6) date of formation/registration;
- (7) jurisdiction of formation;
- (8) entity type; and
- (9) percentage of funds since last filing were from the House.

(b) The entity report shall include a twenty-five (\$25) filing fee.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 8*

**2-8-7 Tax Reporting**

Businesses under the jurisdiction of the Secretary shall file taxes on the Federal and State level should they be appropriate.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 9*

**2-8-8 Wage Reporting**

(a) Every year, not including the date of creation, from the date of creation, the owner shall complete a form, to be created by the Secretary, and managed by the Clerk, collecting the following information:

- (1) employee or business owner;
- (2) amount of income collected as profit; and
- (3) amount of profit taken towards fine payments.

(b) A filing fee may not be imposed in this section.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 10*

**2-8-9 Dissolvement and Reinstatement**

(a) DISSOLVEMENT.—A business may be dissolved for any of the following reasons if it is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary:

- (1) failed to pay necessary dues;
- (2) at will by the business owner; or
- (3) death of the business owner.

(b) REINSTATEMENT.—Should a business be dissolved, it may be reinstated if the following are met:

- (1) pay any necessary dues;
- (2) establishes a business owner; and
- (3) completes a form to be created by the Secretary signifying the business intentions of being reinstated.

(c) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall inform the Clerk and the business owner listed on the last Business Entity Report (BER) of any dissolvement or re-instatement.

- (1) This information shall be public in the database for businesses.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 11*

**CHAPTER 9. Perjury****2-9-1 Perjury Generally**

Whoever—

- (1) having taken an oath before a person, that he or she will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any testimony, declaration, deposition, or



certificate by him or her subscribed, is true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material which he or she does not believe to be true; or

(2) in any declaration, certificate, verification, or statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under § 4 of this Act, willfully subscribes as true any material matter which he or she does not believe to be true;

is guilty of perjury, and shall, except as otherwise provided by law, be fined under this statute.

Pub. L. 222-05, Sec. 2

### **2-9-2 Subornation of Perjury**

Whoever procures another to commit any perjury is guilty of subornation of perjury and shall be fined under this statute.

Pub. L. 222-05, Sec. 3

### **2-9-3 Declarations under Penalty of Perjury**

Whenever, under any law of the House or any rule, regulation, order, or requirement pursuant to law, any matter is required or permitted to be supported, evidenced, established, or proved by the sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath, or affidavit, in writing of the person making the same, such matter may, with like force and effect, be supported, evidenced, established, or proved by the unsworn declaration, certificate, verification, or statement, in writing of such person which is subscribed by him or her, as true under penalty of perjury, and dates, in the following form:

(1) "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date)."

Pub. L. 222-05, Sec. 4

## CHAPTER 10. Inspector General

### **2-10-1 Creation of Inspector General Office**

There is hereby established an Agency of the House to be known as "The Office of the Inspector General" (hereinafter referred to in this Act as the "Office").

Pub. L. 222-04, Sec. 2

### **2-10-2 Creation of the Inspector General**

There shall be at the head of the Office an Inspector General who shall be appointed by the Speaker, with the consent of the House.

Pub. L. 222-04, Sec. 3

### **2-10-3 Duties**

(a) As provided in [HCC § 10-3-2\(a\)](#), this shall delegate powers to the Office.

(b) The objectives of the Office shall be—

- (1) To conduct evaluations and investigations of conflicts or disputes in the House;
- (2) To provide oversight of the House and its Agencies;
- (3) Find and report weaknesses in programs and operations within the House; and
- (4) Receive and evaluate allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement in House or Agency programs and operations.

*Pub. L. 222-04, Sec. 4*

#### **2-10-4 Funding**

The House grants up to \$15,000 each fiscal year to the Office for the purposes of completing its objectives.

*Pub. L. 222-04, Sec. 5*

### **CHAPTER 11. Taxation and Member Salary.**

#### **2-11-1 Establishment of DOR**

(a) There is hereby established an Agency of the House to be known as The Department of Revenue (hereafter referred to as "DOR").

(b) There shall be at the head of the DOR a Secretary of the Department of Revenue (hereafter referred to as the "Secretary"), who shall be appointed by the Speaker, with the consent of the House.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 2*

#### **2-11-2 Objectives of DOR**

The objectives of the DOR are—

- (1) To maintain records of all money coming into the House and being paid out;
- (2) To collect taxes; and
- (3) To pay roles of the House in an amount to be set by the House.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 3*

#### **2-11-3 House Services Subject to Taxation**

A Member of the House shall be taxed if:

- (1) Any monetary relief awarded by the Inspector General that has not been paid nor planned to be paid by April 15.

(A) HCC § 2-11-3(a)(1) shall not be subject to HCC § 2-11-17.

(2) They filed any documents with the Department of Commerce at the cost accumulated during the year.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 4; Pub. L. 231-03, Sec. 8; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 2, Sec. 9*

**2-11-4                      REPEALED**

**2-11-5                      Employment Tax**

(a) A Member's net income shall be taxed at the following buckets:

- (1) Up to \$1,000 of net income shall be taxed at 2%;
- (2) Up to \$10,000 of net income shall be taxed at 3.5%;
- (3) Up to \$15,000 of net income shall be taxed at 5%; and
- (4) Up to \$30,000 of net income and more of net income shall be taxed at 7%.

(b) UNEMPLOYMENT.—A Member who is unemployed and does not qualify for an exemption shall not owe any amount to DOR.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 6; Amended by Pub. L. 231-03, Sec. 5*

**2-11-6                      Amount Subject to Taxation**

The tax rates as described in § 5 of this Act shall be:

- (1) Amount of post taxed income if employed; or
- (2) if not employed, \$0.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 7; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 2*

**2-11-7                      Exemptions to Employment Tax**

(a) A Member is considered exempt from employment tax as described in § 5 of this Act if—

- (1) A Member contributes \$12,550 or more to House services in a year;
- (2) A Member makes less than \$10,000 and is employed under § 9(a)(1) of this Act;
- (3) A Member is less than 16 years of age; or
- (4) A Member who is at or above the age of sixty-two (62).

(b) A Member may have to provide verification, at the determination of DOR, to qualify for exemption.

(c) Exemption is only valid for one (1) tax year and must be renewed should the Member still qualify for exemption.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 8; Pub. L. 231-03, Sec. 2; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 13*

### **2-11-8 Definitions**

"Employment". is defined as someone who is employed by—

- (1) An employer who issues a W-2 Form; or
- (2) Working for themselves in a business filed under [HCC § 2-8-4](#) and the business falls under the Jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce under [HCC § 2-8-3\(a\)](#).

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 9; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 3*

### **2-11-10 Midyear or Employment Changes**

(a) EMPLOYMENT.—Anyone employed for more than ninety (90) days of a calendar year and is no longer employed shall be considered as employed for the entire year for the purposes of tax calculations. Anyone employed for less than ninety (90) days of a calendar year and is no longer employed shall be considered as not employed for the entire year for the purposes of tax calculations.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 10; Amended by Pub. L. 231-03, Sec. 7; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 2*

### **2-11-11 Tax Penalty**

A Member who fails to pay all the amount owe by April 15th shall occur a \$350 fine.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 11*

### **2-11-12 Notification and Objections**

(a) Members shall be provided the resources to calculate how much they owe to DOR in accordance with HCC § 2-11-16.

(b) Members must postmark by April 15 of each year a signed form to DOR with:

- (1) the amount they owe or needed to be refunded;
- (2) their signature attesting accuracy subject to penalty of perjury under [HCC § 2-9-1](#); and
- (3) their payment, should they owe.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 12; Amended by Pub. L. 231-06, Sec. 6; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 2*

### **2-11-13 Tax Crimes**

(a) TAX EVASION.—Anyone who purposefully avoids paying taxes is guilty of tax evasion and shall have committed a Class A Felony.

- (1) DOR shall refer all suspected violations to the Office of Inspector General for prosecution.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 13*

**2-11-14 House Salaries**

- (a) The Speaker of the House shall receive \$50 yearly, split in two payments issued in May and December.
- (b) The Clerk shall receive \$45 yearly, split in two payments issued in May and December.
- (c) The Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Health Advisor shall receive \$35 yearly, split in two payments issued in May and December.
- (d) All agency heads shall receive \$40 yearly, split in two payments issued in May and December.
- (e) All salaries shall be paid in check starting in May 2023.
- (f) MULTIPLE ROLES.—Should a Member have multiple roles, the amounts shall only be added if they are in different pay grades. If both roles are in the same pay grade, they shall only be paid that respective pay grade as if they were in one role.
- (g) A Member who has no paid role shall be paid \$26.70 yearly, split in two payments issued in May and December.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 14*

**2-11-14.5 Freeze of House Salaries**

- (a) GENERALLY.—At any time, the Secretary of the Department of Revenue may freeze salary payments, as issued under HCC § 2-11-14, if the Agency owes more than \$200 in salary payments that it is unable to pay to Members, for a maximum of two (2) payment cycles.
- (b) NOT SUBJECT TO REPAYMENT.—Payment cycles declared to be frozen shall not be subject to reimbursement.
- (c) BELOW 200 THRESHOLD.—Upon the Department of Revenue owing less than \$200 to Members, the freeze shall automatically be unfrozen.
- (d) ISSUANCE OF FROZEN STATUS.—Any freeze shall be issued under HCC § 2-14-3(d).
- (e) PAST TWO PAYMENT CYCLES.—After two (2) consecutive frozen payment cycles, the Secretary shall be prohibited from counting the frozen status unless the House Assembly and the Speaker consent to such an extension of frozen status.

*Pub. L. 242-01, Sec. 2*

**2-11-15 Borrowing Money**

- (a) Should DOR not have the funds necessary to pay salaries, they shall offer IOUs to Members of the House.

(b) IOUs shall allow Members to pay \$25 to \$75 dollars to DOR in exchange for a tax credit with an interest of 2.000% annually.

(c) "Tax credit". shall mean the amount given to DOR shall be subtracted from the amount the Member owes. If any amount remains, the Member must claim the IOU by the next tax year from the year which the bond was sold or forfeit their right to the amount of the IOU with interest.

(d) The DOR shall pay out all IOUs within two (2) years from the date of claim.

(e) "Bond". Shall mean the same thing as an IOU.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 15; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 4*

### **2-11-16 Management of Taxation**

The Clerk, in coordination with DOR, shall manage the process of collecting taxes and documentation which shall permit the creation of forms to be completed by Members.

*Pub. L. 222-06, Sec. 16*

### **2-11-16.5 House Administrative Code Management**

In accordance with HCC § 2-14-1(b), the Secretary of the Department of Revenue shall have the authority to establish the necessary House Administrative Code (HAC) to manage Title II, Chapter 11 of House of Commons Code (HCC).

*Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 6*

### **2-11-17 Deductions**

(a) A Member may get deductions on their taxes if they did one or more of the following:

(1) A Member can get a \$10 deduction if they purchased an electric toothbrush with a two-minute timer built in;

(2) A Member can get a \$75 deduction if they are in college full-time as a student;

(3) A Member can get a \$25 deduction if they own a small business and are employed as defined in HCC § 2-11-8(a)(2);

(4) A Member can get a \$55 deduction if they purchase a hybrid or electric vehicle;

(5) A Member can get a \$60 deduction if they volunteer in the community for at least ten (10) hours per week; and

(6) A Member can get a \$50 deduction if they are employed by the U.S. federal or state government, or a not-for-profit organization that is not under HCC § 2-8-3, on a full-time basis for at least nine (9) months of the tax year.

(b) "*Deduction*". is defined as an amount that you can deduct from your House Services Taxes ([HCC § 2-11-3](#)) and Employment Tax ([HCC § 2-11-5](#)) to lower the amount of money you owe.

(c) "*Volunteer*" is defined as an act made that impacts those beyond the House of Commons, as an independent person, without compensation.

(d) This section of the Act shall be managed in accordance with [HCC § 2-11-16](#) and shall take effect in the 2023 tax year.

(e) Deductions shall not be subject to a refund to Members should deductions reach an amount greater than what they owe to DOR.

(f) DOR shall have the right to require proof of purchase to qualify for the deduction.

*Pub. L. 231-03, Sec. 3; Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 11*

### **2-11-18                      Members Who Owe No Amount**

(a) A Member who does not owe any amount to DOR is not required to complete filing of their taxes.

(b) A Member must file any exemptions or deductions that they qualify for that reduces their amount to \$0.

(c) A Member must file their taxes if have any outstanding tax credits they want to collect.

(d) This section shall take effect immediately.

*Pub. L. 231-03, Sec. 4*

### **2-11-19                      Electronic Access to Tax Records**

(a) GENERAL RIGHT.—Members of the House shall have the right to access records electronically relating to the respective:

- (1) amount of money they owe;
- (2) amount of money that has been paid; and
- (3) their tax documentation.

(b) UNLAWFUL ACCESS.—It shall be unlawful for anyone to access another Member's records and shall be a Class A Misdemeanor.

(c) MANAGEMENT.—The Department of Revenue shall manage all electronic record access with House agencies reporting all monetary transactions to the Department of Revenue.

*Pub. L. 232-09, Sec. 2*

**2-11-20                      Extension to File**

- (a) **GENERALLY.**—A Member who has a reasonable belief that they will be unable to file their taxes by April 15 shall have the right to petition to the Department of Revenue for an extension because of extraneous circumstances.
- (b) **EXTENSION.**—DOR shall have the right to grant an extension of no more than sixty (60) days past the April 15 deadline.
- (c) **DISCRIMINATION.**—It shall be unlawful for DOR to discriminate against any Member and deny them an extension when circumstances warrant such an extension.
- (d) **PROOF.**—DOR may request evidence of circumstances prior to granting an extension.

*Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 5*

**2-11-21                      Public Records**

(a) **RECORDS.**—The following records, organized by year, shall be public records and published on the Department of Revenue’s website:

(1) **SALARY.**—Member’s of the House salary payment in accordance with HCC § 2-11-14, which shall include:

- (A) Member Name;
- (B) Class;
- (C) Amount(s); and
- (D) Statutory authority.

(2) **COLLECTIONS.**—All revenue collected pursuant to HCC § 2-11-2(a)(2), which shall include:

- (A) Member Name;
- (B) Nature of collection; and
- (C) Amount.

and

(3) **SPENT.**—All revenue spent pursuant to HCC § 2-11-2(a)(3), which shall include:

- (A) Member Name;
- (B) Amount spent; and
- (C) Nature.

(b) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

*Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 7*



**2-11-22**                      **Quarterly Tax Payments**

(a) **GENERALLY.**—A Member who is unable to pay their tax bill in full by April 15 because of a financial hardship shall have the right to petition the Department of Revenue for a quarterly payment plan.

(b) **CRITERIA.**—The Secretary of the Department of Revenue shall determine what criteria meets the “financial hardship” standard.

(c) **PAYMENT DUE DATES.**—Payments shall be divided into quarterly payments with due dates of April 15, June 15, September 15, and January 15.

(d) **FAILURE TO PAY.**—A Member to fail to pay their payment by the due date as described in subsection (c) shall have committed tax evasion and punishable under HCC § 2-11-13.

*Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 8*

**2-11-23**                      **Business Taxes**

(a) A business owner who owns a business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the secretary of the Department of Commerce under HCC § 2-8-3 shall have all net earnings of the business taxed at the following rates:

- (1) Up to \$1,000 of net earnings shall be taxed at 1.5%;
- (2) Up to \$10,000 of net earnings shall be taxed at 2%;
- (3) Up to \$15,000 of net earnings shall be taxed at 4.5%; and
- (4) Up to \$30,000 of net earnings or more shall be taxed at 6.5%.

(b) **PETITION FOR EXEMPTION.**—A business owner who normally would be subject to subsection (a) can petition to the Department of Revenue that they would face a financial hardship by being required to pay their taxes or their business is considered a not-for-profit.

(1) **DEADLINE TO PETITION.**—The deadline to petition for exemption is December 31 of the upcoming tax return deadline.

(2) **ISSUANCE OF PETITION.**—The Department of Revenue shall either grant or deny the petition by January 15.

(A) **COMPLAINT.**—This decision shall be subject to complaint under HCC § 2-2-6(c).

(3) **VALIDITY.**—A petition shall be valid for one tax year.

*Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 10*

**2-11-24 Emergency Extension Deadline**

SPEAKER EMERGENCY DECLARATION.—If the Speaker declares a State of Emergency as defined in HCC § 2-5-6 either seven (7) days prior to April 15 or on April 15, the Secretary, as defined in HCC § 2-11-1(b), shall issue an emergency rule under HCC § 2-14-3(d) extending the deadline to file and pay, as described in HCC § 2-11-12(b), by thirty (30) days or when the State of Emergency is no longer in effect and force, whichever comes first.

*Pub. L. 241-03, Sec. 12*

**2-11-25 House Services Reimbursement**

(a) GENERALLY.—Any Member of the House may submit to the Secretary of the Department of Revenue a request for reimbursement of an expense that is one that is related to the operations of the House.

(b) PRIOR APPROVAL.—A person who seeks to be reimbursement must seek approval prior to the expense from an Agency Head, the Clerk of the House, or the Speaker of the House.

(c) LIMITS.—A person may not be reimbursed more than fifty (50) dollars in one calendar year without the consent of the House Assembly and the Speaker.

(d) SALARY REGULATIONS.—Any and all regulations and laws regulating salary payments shall not be subject to this Act.

(e) ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Department of Revenue shall have the authority to issue administrative code with respect to this act as necessary under HCC § 2-14-1 *et seq.*

*Pub. L. 242-02, Sec. 2*

**CHAPTER 12. Feline Rights.****2-12-1 Felines of the House**

The following felines shall be subject to the guarantee of their rights as described in § 3 of this Act:

- (1) Tux Cavinder;
- (2) Ellie-Willow Cavinder; and
- (3) McKenzie Cavinder.

*Pub. L. 231-05, Sec. 2*

**2-12-2 Rights of Felines**

All felines as described in § 2 of this Act shall have the following rights, not to be violated:

- (1) The right to have kibble;
- (2) The right to have fresh water; and
- (3) The right to sit where they please without interference.

*Pub. L. 231-05, Sec. 3*

### **2-12-3 Violation of Rights**

Any Member who violates the right of a feline in § 3 shall have committed a Class D Misdemeanor.

*Pub. L. 231-05, Sec. 4*

## CHAPTER 13. Reporting.

### **2-13-1 Subject to Reporting**

All Members of House shall be obligated to report the following to the House:

- (1) The purchase of a stock, mutual fund, or bond;
- (2) The sale of a stock, mutual fund, or bond; and
- (3) A donation made to a person running for public office, a cause, a college or university, or a political party.

*Pub. L. 231-06, Sec. 2*

### **2-13-2 When to Report**

Members shall report within ten (10) days from the date of donation, purchase, or sale. Failure to report shall be considered a Class C Misdemeanor.

*Pub. L. 231-06, Sec. 3*

### **2-13-3 Management of Reporting Submissions**

(a) GENERAL MANAGEMENT.—The Clerk shall be authorized to take necessary action in order to collect reports from Members.

(b) DATABASE.—The Clerk shall maintain a public database that shall list:

- (1) The Members Name;
- (2) The Type of Report (Purchase, Sale, or Donation);
- (3) Date of Action; and
- (4) Date Reported.

*Pub. L. 231-06, Sec. 3*



(1) An emergency rule shall only be valid for thirty (30) days after its issuance.

(e) HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The power to declare a Health Emergency ([HCC § 11-1-2\(a\)](#)) shall in no way be treated as a rule nor subject to this Act.

*Pub. L. 232-04, Sec. 4*

#### **2-14-4 House Disapproval**

(a) A Member may introduce a Joint Resolution finding disapproval of a Rule that is in effect under HAC.

(b) Should the Joint Resolution as described in subsection (a) pass and be signed by the Speaker, the rule shall no longer be in force and effect.

*Pub. L. 232-04, Sec. 5*

## TITLE 3. THE SPEAKER

### CHAPTER 1. Succession.

#### **3-1-1 Supersede**

(a) SUPERSEED.—This Act shall supersede any Rules of the House as applicable.

(b) Upon the death or resignation of the Speaker, the following line of succession shall be used:

- (1) Clerk of the House;
- (2) Sergeant-at-Arms;
- (3) Chief Administrative Officer.

(c) Within thirty (30) days from death or resignation of the Speaker, the House shall hold a new election for the Speaker of the House.

*Pub. L. 221-07, Sec. 2*

### CHAPTER 2. Executive.

#### **3-2-1 Executive**

The Speaker of the House shall be the executive in charge of the House of Commons.

*Pub. L. 221-16, Sec. 2*

### CHAPTER 3. Eligibility to Serve.

#### **3-3-1 Outstanding Ticket**

When there is an election for Speaker of the House, any Member that has an outstanding ticket, regardless of amount, within the last six (6) months from the date of election, shall not be eligible for the role of Speaker of the House.

*Pub. L. 221-18, Sec. 2*

## TITLE 4. HOUSE EMBLEMS AND SEAL

### CHAPTER 1. Seals.

#### **4-1-1** Seals

(a) HOUSE OF COMMONS.—There shall be a seal of the House of Commons, which shall include:

- (1) 4 stars, each one to represent a Member of the House;
- (2) A Eagle; and
- (3) The words:
  - (A) "House of Commons;"
  - (B) "Domus Divisa Poetri Stare;" and
  - (C) "MMIV."

(b) HOUSE SPEAKER.—There shall be a seal for The Speaker of the House of Commons which shall include:

- (1) 4 Stars, each one to represent a Member of the House;
- (2) A Eagle;
- (3) A Torch; and
- (4) The words:
  - (A) "Speaker of the House;"
  - (B) "House of Commons;"
  - (C) "EST 2021;" and
  - (D) "Uniti Stamus Divisi Summus."

(c) AGENCY SEALS.—Agencies shall create a seal which shall, at a minimum, include:

- (1) 4 Stars, each one to represent a Member of the House;
- (2) The words "House of Commons;" and
- (3) The name of the Agency.

*Pub. L. 232-06, Sec. 2*

## TITLE 5. ORGIZATION OF THE HOUSE

## TITLE 6. SECURITY

### CHAPTER 1. Internet.

#### **6-1-1 Management**

The Speaker shall manage all aspects and enforcement of this Act.

*Pub. L. 211-01, Sec. 2*

#### **6-1-2 Safety Standards**

(a) The Speaker shall have the authority to block websites as described in § 3(a) if they meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Causes damage to device;
- (2) Promotes illegal activities and/or violence;
- (3) Causes potential health issues (e.g. seizures); or
- (4) In some capacity is a threat to the House.

(b) The following are excluded from § 3(a), excluding § 3(a)(4):

- (1) Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat; and
- (2) Pornography.

*Pub. L. 211-01, Sec. 3*

#### **6-1-3 Websites**

(a) The Speaker shall determine if a website is considered unsafe under the Standards set in § 3 and is permitted to block such websites on the Network of the House.

(b) When such a website is blocked, it must be communicated in such a manner that the House Assembly is aware of the blocked website.

(c) Phishing websites are already blocked automatically in the Network of the House. This shall serve as a protection to the Network.

(d) PREVENTION CLAUSE.—Any websites blocked as permitted under this Act shall be considered as such. Therefore, it shall be unlawful for any persons to attempt to visit a blocked website via a different device, internet connection, or any other method to visit a website that is blocked under this Act.

*Pub. L. 211-01, Sec. 4; Pub. L. 221-09, Sec. 2*

**6-1-4** **Checks**

(a) The House shall serve as a “check”, and can do the following:

- (1) Block a website; or
- (2) Unblock a website.

(b) § 5(a) shall be served as a Resolution and must be voted on with a majority vote and is subject to Veto powers as granted.

(c) If a website is voted unblocked by the House, it must be unblocked within 15 days of Assent.

- (1) A website can be re-blocked if deemed it falls into a different standard as set out in § 3 of this Act.

(d) If a website is voted blocked by the House, it must be blocked within 15 days of Assent.

*Pub. L. 211-01, Sec. 5*

**CHAPTER 2. Fire Safety.****6-2-1** **Installation of Alarms**

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—Their shall be at least one (1) alarm on each floor of the House that shall detect the presence of fire and carbon monoxide.

(b) INTEROPERABILITY.—When one alarm goes off, all alarms in the House must go off.

*Pub. L. 231-02, Sec. 2*

**6-2-2** **Testing**

(a) CERTIFICATION OF WORKING ORDER.—Each month, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be required to test each alarm to ensure that it is in working order.

(b) The requirement as described in subsection (a) shall be documented in a communication to the House that shall identify:

- (1) the date the alarms where tested;
- (2) number of alarms that were in order; and
- (3) if any, number of alarms that were not working.

(c) Failure to test the alarms in the required timeframe shall have committed a Class A Misdemeanor.

*Pub. L. 231-02, Sec. 3*



**6-2-3                      Enactment Dates**

(a) TESTING REQUIREMENT.—The Sergeant-at-Arms shall test all alarms that currently exist within five (5) days from the date of enactment and shall report these results in accordance with § 3(b) of this Act.

(b) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—All other requirements shall take effect by July 1, 2023.

*Pub. L. 231-02, Sec. 4*

**6-2-4                      Room Clearance**

(a) All rooms, hallways, stairways, and pathways to an exit on the Property of the House, including the Garage, must be reasonably clear at all times.

(b) Any person who fails to ensure a reasonable standard as described in subsection (a) shall have committed a Class B Misdemeanor.

(c) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall enforce all common areas.

*Pub. L. 231-02, Sec. 5*

**6-2-5                      Installation of Fire Extinguishers**

(a) REQUIREMENT.—There shall be on each level of the House at least one (1) fire extinguisher.

(b) IDENTIFICATION.—There shall be signage to be able to reasonably identify where the fire extinguisher is located on each floor.

*Pub. L. 231-02, Sec. 6*

**6-2-6                      Testing and Reporting Fire Extinguishers**

(a) TESTING.—The Sergeant-at-Arms shall verify each month that each fire extinguisher is in working order.

(b) REPORTING.—The Sergeant-at-Arms, after testing and replacing, if applicable, each fire extinguisher, shall report to the House:

- (1) the date the fire extinguishers were tested;
- (2) number of fire extinguishers that were in order; and
- (3) if any, number of fire extinguishers that were not working.

*Pub. L. 231-02, Sec. 7*

**CHAPTER 3. Firearms.****6-3-1                      Areas Prohibited**

(a) Firearms shall be prohibited on House of Commons property, except in:

- (1) a locked compartment in the garage; or

(2) in a locked motor vehicle.

(b) CONCEAL CARRY.—It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal themselves carrying a firearm, regardless of its lawful possession.

*Pub. L. 232-05, Sec. 2*

### **6-3-2                      Persons Prohibited**

(a) GENERALLY.—Anyone who:

- (1) has a mental illness;
- (2) is below the age of 21;
- (3) is above the age of 85; or
- (4) does not have a license issued as described in § 4 of this Act;

shall be prohibited from possessing a firearm.

*Pub. L. 232-05, Sec. 3*

### **6-3-3                      Licensure**

(a) Any persons who wish to possess a firearm within the confinements of § 2 of this Act must have a license issued by the Office of the Inspector General.

(b) The license must include:

- (1) a photograph of the individual requesting the license;
- (2) a date issued by the Office of the Inspector General;
- (3) a date of expiration, which shall be either:
  - (A) five (5) years from the date of issuance; or
  - (B) when the individual is above the age of 85, whichever comes first; and
- (4) the reason for the need for the firearm.

(c) REVOCATION OF LICENSE.—The Inspector General may, at any time, demand the revocation of a license which shall require the approval of the Speaker of the House for just reasons on the grounds that the licensure may harm themselves or others.

(1) The license may be re-instated if the Speaker and the Health Advisor of the House concur in judgment that the individual is fit to be re-instated.

(2) APPEAL.—An individual with a license revoked may appeal should the license not be re-instated within seventy-two (72) hours from the time of revocation by filing an administrative complaint against The Office of the Inspector General under HCC § 2-2-9.

(d) APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.—A person must apply for a license prior to the possession of a firearm on House of Commons property.

(1) Each firearm the person purchases must be registered with the Office of the Inspector General.

(e) BACKGROUND CHECK.—The Office of the Inspector General shall conduct all necessary background checks and may prohibit certain types of people with a criminal past from being issued a license.

(f) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TYPES OF FIREARMS.—The Inspector General may impose bans on certain types of firearms as they see fit.

(g) CARRY AND SHOWING.—All license holders must have their license on them at all times and must be presented by demand of an Official of the House.

(h) FILING FEES.—The Office of the Inspector General may impose filing fees as they deem necessary and appropriate.

*Pub. L. 232-05, Sec. 4*

#### **6-3-4 Definitions**

*"Firearm."*—

(1) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;

(2) the frame or receiver of any such weapon;

(3) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or

(4) any destructive device, excluding antique firearms.

*Pub. L. 232-05, Sec. 5*

### CHAPTER 4. Cameras.

#### **6-4-1 Lawful Usage of Camera**

It shall be unlawful for any person to install a camera for the purposes of spying on an individual's activity.

*Pub. L. 232-07, Sec. 2*

#### **6-4-2 Prohibited Use of Camera**

The Highway Management Agency, as defined in HCC § 10-3-1(a), shall install cameras to:

(1) monitor the roads of the House; and to

(2) monitor outside activity that remains on the property of the House.

*Pub. L. 232-07, Sec. 3*

**6-4-3 Good Cause Exemptions**

A Member may introduce a Resolution to permit camera usage outside of the scope as described in this Act if it is in the best interest of the House.

(1) APPROVAL.—The Resolution shall be a recorded vote, and require approval of three-fourths of the House.

(2) DESCRIPTIVE.—The Resolution must be exact in:

- (A) how long the exemption will last;
- (B) how many camera(s) will be installed;
- (C) where the camera(s) will be installed; and
- (D) the intention and purpose for installing the camera(s).

*Pub. L. 232-07, Sec. 4*

**CHAPTER 5. Individuals.****6-5-1 Prohibition of Certain Individuals**

(a) GENERALLY.—Individuals who either:

- (1) pose a risk to the House or its Members; or
- (2) are not desired on House property wherein the Speaker believes it is in the interest of Members;

shall be prohibited from being on House property.

(b) EXEMPTION.—Individuals acting in their capacity as an official of the government or as part of an agreement between the party and the House shall not be subject to this Act.

(c) POWER TO DECLARE.—The Speaker shall have the sole power to declare all individuals who are prohibited on House property by declaration.

(d) DISAPPROVAL.—All declarations as described in subsection (c) shall be treated as a rule that can be disapproved under [HCC § 2-14-4](#).

*Pub. L. 241-01, Sec. 2*

**6-5-2 Enforcement of Prohibition**

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall enforce all declarations of prohibition.

*Pub. L. 241-01, Sec. 3*

**6-5-3** **Violations of Prohibition**

People who are on House property who have been classified as prohibited and those who assist a prohibited person from being on House property shall have committed a Class B Felony as described under [HCC § 2-2-4\(a\)\(3\)](#).

*Pub. L. 241-01, Sec. 4*

**TITLE 7. AGRICULTURE****TITLE 8. EDUCATION****TITLE 9. FOOD AND DRUGS****CHAPTER 1. Healthy Food and Planning.****9-1-1** **Establishment of Committee**

(a) The House shall establish a Committee on Food and Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as "Committee".

(b) The Committee shall have a Chair and Ranking Member appointed by the Speaker of the House and shall follow the process as set out in HCC § 1-12-3 [2021 Citation].

(1) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(2) START.—The Committee may be considered assembled once there is a Chair and Ranking Member.

(c) COMMITTEE HEARINGS.—The Committee shall meet at least once a month.

(d) CHAIR AUTHORITIES.—The Chair shall have the authority as set out in HCC § 1-12-7(b) [2021 Citation].

(e) RANKING MEMBER AUTHORITIES.—The Ranking Member shall have the authority as set out in HCC § 1-12-8(b) [2021 Citation].

(f) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Committee are the following:

(1) Establish healthy food guidelines consistent with USDA for dinner;

(2) Plan for meals at least one (1) month in advance; and

(3) Serve as a Committee for legislative purposes as necessary.

*Pub. L. 221-06, Sec. 2*

**9-1-2**                      **REPEALED**

**9-1-3**                      **REPEALED**

## TITLE 10. OUTDOOR AND LAND

### CHAPTER 1. Speed Limits.

**10-1-1**                      **Speed Limits**

(a) The driveway from Range Road to before the curve of the driveway, shall be set to a maximum speed of ten (10) miles per hour.

(b) The driveway from the curve to the garage, shall be set to a maximum speed of five (5) miles per hour.

(c) The Highway Management Agency shall establish and maintain signs on the driveway to inform those of the speed limits set and other potential hazards.

*Pub. L. 221-15, Sec. 2*

**10-1-2**                      **Failure to Follow Speed Limits**

(a) Anyone who fails to observe the speed limit can encounter a fee reasonable to the speed which was violated.

(b) If driving over the speed limit caused damage to the property, but was under \$1,000 in damages, the fine shall include the amount of money necessary to repair the damages.

*Pub. L. 221-15, Sec. 3*

### CHAPTER 2. Outdoor Advancement Programs.

**10-2-1**                      **2022 Landscaping Funding**

The Speaker of the House shall have up to \$25,500 available up to the end of the 2023 fiscal year for the purposes of landscaping.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 2, Pub. L. 231-01, Sec. 5*

**10-2-2**                      **Other Funding**

When necessary, the House may use up to \$500,000 in order to fulfil this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 3*

**10-2-3**                      **Areas Subject to Landscaping**

(a) GENERAL LANDSCAPING CLAUSE.—The sides of the House, the west side of the House, and the front area of the House are subject to landscaping using the funds granted in this Act.

(b) HONOR THE LIFE OF SPARKY.—Using the funds described in § 2 of this Act must include landscaping efforts in order to preserve and honor the life of Sparky Cavinder.

(1) This subsection is to be completed by December 2025.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 4, Pub. L. 231-01, Sec. 6*

#### **10-2-4 Preservation of Property**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to move, displace, or damage any landscaping property and shall, notwithstanding the Criminal Code Act, be subject up to \$1,000,000.

(b) All damage claims of personal property shall be settled under HCC §§ [2-4-2\(b\)](#), [2-5-4](#) and are in addition to the fines in subsection (a).

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 5*

#### **10-2-5 Driveway**

(a) CEMENT EDGEING.—The sides of the driveway, from the start to around the curve, shall have concert edging.

(1) The side of the driveway with current edging shall be replaced.

(b) BLACKTOP.—The sides of the driveway, from the start to around the curve, shall be replaced with blacktop.

(1) Funds described in this section are separate from Section 2 of this Act.

(d) ADDITION TO THE DRIVEWAY.—By the start of the driveway, between the apple tree and the wood storage, shall be an extension of the driveway for peoples to park or back their cars in.

(1) FUNDING.—Funding to complete this subsection are not subject to the limits set in Section 2 of this Act.

(2) The addition shall be edged (§ 5(a)) and blacktopped (§ 5(b)).

(3) Shall be completed by June 2026.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 6, Pub. L. 231-01, Sec. 6*

#### **10-2-6 Stone Pathway**

(a) From the driveway to the annex, there shall be a stone pathway that circles the west side of the House.

(b) This stone pathway shall connect to:

(1) the Deck ([HCC § 2-4-4](#)); and

(2) the pathway described in § 3(b) of this Act.

(c) FUNDING.—Funds used to enact this Section are not subject to the funds set in § 2 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 7*

**10-2-7 Pond**

(a) INSTALLATION OF POND.—Next to the power pole, their shall be installed a medium sized pond installed by whomever may be designated.

(b) COMPLETION DATE.—This shall be completed by June 2026.

(c) FUNDING.—Funds used to enact this Section are not subject to the funds set in § 2 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 8, Pub. L. 231-01, Sec. 6*

**10-2-8 Patio**

(a) INSTLATION OF PATIO.—In the stone pathway as described in § 6 of this Act, the pathway shall be widen in the curve around the House to place a patio.

(b) COMPLETION DATE.—This shall be completed by June 2026.

(c) FUNDING.—Funds used to enact this Section are not subject to the funds set in § 2 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 9, Pub. L. 231-01, Sec. 6*

**10-2-9 Trees**

(a) The gentlewoman, Christina Cavinder, shall be designated at selecting trees as deemed appropriate.

(b) FUNDING.—Funds used to enact this Section are not subject to the funds set in § 2 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 10*

**10-2-10 Removal of Dead Land**

(a) In areas whereas there are dead or overgrown land, the gentlemen, Tim Cavinder, shall be designated at removal of such land as deemed necessary by him.

(b) FUNDING.—Funds used to enact this Section are not subject to the funds set in § 2 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 11*

**10-2-11 Restoration from Damage Caused by Renovations**

(a) In the areas damaged due to the renovations efforts under the House Renovation Act of 2021 (*Pub. L. 212-10; as amended*), the Speaker, in consultation with the gentlemen



Tim Cavinder, and the gentlewoman, Christina Cavinder, shall take efforts to restore the land damaged due to such renovations.

(b) FRONT LAWN.—The House shall, once renovations are completed, shall restore the front lawn by June 2024.

(1) FUNDING.—Funds used to enact this Section are not subject to the funds set in § 2 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 12*

### **10-2-12 Definitions**

"Landscaping". is defined as bricks, plants, mulch, and all other decorative work completed outside.

*Pub. L. 221-17, Sec. 13*

## **CHAPTER 3. Department of Highway Management.**

### **10-3-1 Establishment**

(a) There is hereby established an Agency of the House to be known as The Highway Management Agency (hereafter referred in this Act as the "Agency").

(b) There shall be at the head of the Agency a Secretary of Highway Management (hereafter referred in this Act as the "Secretary"), who shall be appointed by the Speaker, with the consent of the House.

*Pub. L. 221-18, Sec. 2*

### **10-3-2 General Provisions**

(a) The House delegates certain powers to the Agency, and does not require the consent of the House; unless it is failed to be listed in this Act.

(b) The Objectives of the Agency are—

(1) To manage all roadways in the jurisdiction of the House, and may be managed without the consent of the House, such as—

(A) Removal of debris and clear roadways; and

(B) Spraying of chemicals to kill plant life growing on roadways.

(2) To find ways to improve roadways that are cost effective to the House;

(3) To manage separation between the roadways and the natural life;

(4) Report all violations of House Code (HCC) within the Agency's jurisdiction and report them to the Sergeant-at-Arms; and

(5) Enact and enforce all funding, programs, and other legislation passed by the House that relates to the Agency, such as—

- (A) Placement, change, or removal of signage on the roadways;
- (B) Outdoor advancement programs; and
- (C) Ensuring that vehicles in the house jurisdiction are safe to passengers.

(c) The objectives of the Secretary are—

- (1) To ensure proper management of the roadways;
- (2) Ensure no violations of House Code (HCC) within the Agency; and
- (3) Promote programs that benefit Members of the House.

*Pub. L. 221-18, Sec. 3*

### **10-3-3** Funding

(a) The House grants up to \$10,000 each fiscal year to the Agency for the purposes of completing its objectives.

(b) Funding in this Act does not apply to Acts passed that explicating gives a funding amount.

*Pub. L. 221-18, Sec. 4*

## CHAPTER 4. Political and Messaging Signs

### **10-4-1** Enforcement

(a) It shall be unlawful for anyone to display a political or messaging sign on the property of the House without the concurrence of the House.

(b) It shall be a Class C Misdemeanor for violations.

*Pub. L. 221-20, Sec. 2*

# TITLE 11. HEALTH AND WELFARE

## CHAPTER 1. Health Emergency Action.

### **11-1-1** Establishment of Health Advisor

(a) The House of Commons shall establish a Health Advisor of the House.

(b) The Advisor shall be nominated by the Speaker and shall serve for up to five (5) years from date of confirmation.

(c) The Advisor can be nominated again as warranted.

(d) The communication on the nomination from the Speaker shall be referred to the Committee on Education & Health.

*Pub. L. 221-02, Sec. 2*

### **11-1-2 Health Emergency**

(a) The Advisor has the authority to declare a health emergency.

(b) The declaration of health emergency shall be:

- (1) Valid for thirty (30) days from date of issuance, unless revoked by the Health Advisor before thirty (30) days;
- (2) Announced before the House; and
- (3) Confined to the restraints of House of Commons Code as set out from date of issuance of the deceleration.

(c) The declaration shall have the authority to compel or require Members of the House to do certain actions to limit or prevent the spread of disease within reason.

(d) The declaration shall be renewed if necessary for an additional thirty (30) days; and renewed as long as a health emergency exists.

(e) A declaration does not have the authority to:

- (1) Amend House of Commons Code;
- (2) Supersede local, state, or federal laws, resolutions, or other regulations; and
- (3) permit funding of any kind.

(f) Any directive issued by the Advisor, as permitted under subsection (c), shall have force in any public setting, including vacations.

*Pub. L. 221-02, Sec. 3*

### **11-1-3 Enforcement of Health Emergency**

(a) In the times of an active declaration, the following people shall have the authority to enforce the declaration:

- (1) The Health Advisor of the House;
- (2) The Speaker of the House; and
- (3) The Sergeant-At-Arms.

(b) Failure to follow a Health Emergency Declaration is subject to an infraction for minor violations and up to a Class B Misdemeanors for serious or continuous violations.

*Pub. L. 221-02, Sec. 4*

**11-1-4 Chapter Definitions**

(a) "Advisor". is defined as the Health Advisor of the House.

(b) "Declaration". is defined as the Deceleration issued by the Health Advisor as described in § 3(a) of this Act.

*Pub. L. 221-02, Sec. 5*

**CHAPTER 2. Prohibition on Tobacco.****11-2-1 Prohibition**

(a) The use of any tobacco products, including e-cigarettes or vaping, are prohibited inside or outside the House of Commons.

(b) The droppage of any cigarettes or ash trays are prohibited.

*Pub. L. 221-04, Sec. 2*

**11-2-2 Fines**

Failure of any persons to comply with § 2 of this Act is subject to the following classifications:

- (1) Class C Misdemeanor if it is the first offense and/or within 25 feet of animals;
- (2) Class D Felony if it is the second offense and/or within 15 feet of animals;
- (3) Class C Felony if it is the third offense and/or within 10 feet of animals; and
- (4) Class B Felony for all subsequent offenses and/or within 3 feet of animals.

*Pub. L. 221-04, Sec. 3*

**11-2-3 REPEALED**

**11-2-4 REPEALED**

**11-2-5 REPEALED**

**CHAPTER 3. Illness.****11-3-1 Reporting Illness**

(a) Individuals who are sick are hereby required to report to the Clerk of the House such illness.

- (1) The Clerk shall inform the Health Advisor of the House within 12 hours from the Clerk's knowledge of the Report.

(b) The Clerk shall implement a way to have individuals report their illness.

(c) The Health Advisor has sole authority to require certain actions within reason when an individual is ill.

(1) The House may extend these actions during a Health Emergency.

(d) "Sick" or "Ill" is defined as someone who:

(1) is vomiting;

(2) has a temperature below 97 degrees or above 100 degrees;

(3) has a rash or skin eruption;

(4) has very enlarged tonsils and/or sore throat;

(5) has enlarged glands in neck or upper arms;

(6) has normal temperature but skin color is pale, cool and moist skin, dizzy, and chills; or

(7) has an injury.

*Pub. L. 221-14, Sec. 2*

### **11-3-2                      Declaring No Illness**

(a) An individual must inform the Clerk and the Health Advisor when they are no longer sick.

(b) The Health Advisor reserves the right to deny the claim of no illness if there is reason to believe the individual is still ill.

(c) Committing perjury under this Section is a Class B Misdemeanor.

*Pub. L. 221-14, Sec. 3*

### **11-3-3                      Failure to Report or Intention**

(a) It shall be unlawful for an individual to fail to report as described in Section 2.

(1) This shall be a Class C Misdemeanor.

(b) It shall be unlawful for an individual to intentionally get another person ill.

(1) This shall be a Class C Misdemeanor.

*Pub. L. 221-14, Sec. 4*

## CHAPTER 4. Vacation and Illness.

### **11-4-1 REPEALED**

## CHAPTER 5. Vehicle Statutes.

### **11-5-1 Safety in Motor Vehicles**

Any person who fails to reasonably repair a motor vehicle or comply with a recall within a reasonable time of at least one (1) month and no more than four (4) months, shall have committed a Class B Felony.

*Pub. L. 222-03, Sec. 12*

### **11-5-2 Use of Seatbelts in Motor Vehicles**

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Every person in a motor vehicle that is operating shall have a seatbelt properly on at all times the motor vehicle:

- (1) has its engine on; and
- (2) it is in the drive (D) mode.

(b) EXEMPTION.—If a person has an exemption on their Drivers License issued by the State of Indiana, they shall be exempt from subsection (a).

*Pub. L. 232-02, Sec. 2*

## CHAPTER 6. Prohibition on Marijuana.

### **11-6-1 Prohibition**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or sell any product, raw or in a product, that contains Hemp, CBD, THC, or pure marijuana.

(b) Any person in violation shall have committed a Class B Felony.

*Pub. L. 231-04, Sec. 2*

### **11-6-2 Right of Seizure**

The Speaker or the Inspector of the Office of the Inspector General shall have the right to seize and destroy any product in violation of § 2 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 231-04, Sec. 3*

## CHAPTER 7. Immunizations.

### **11-7-1 Immunization Powers**

(a) POWER.—The Health Advisor of the House shall have the power to require certain vaccinations, and boosters, to Members of the House to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

(1) All required vaccinations (“rule”) shall be posted to the House Administrative Code (HAC) proposed rulemaking and shall not take effect until thirty (30) days after the proposed rule.

(b) EXEMPTIONS.—Only the Health Advisor shall determine if any requests for exemptions are valid and deemed necessary.

(c) MANAGEMENT.—The Health Advisor shall take all necessary actions to collect and verify compliance with its rules.

(d) PRIVACY RIGHTS.—No immunization records shall be made available to the public or other Member’s of the House.

*Pub. L. 232-03, Sec. 2*

## TITLE 12. COMMITTEES

### CHAPTER 1. Rules & Reform.

#### **12-1-1 Committee Name**

The Committee shall be called “The Committee on Rules & Reform”.

*Pub. L. 212-09, Sec. 2*

#### **12-1-2 Members of the Committee**

The Committee shall establish the process of appointing and confirming members to the Committee as described in HCC § 1-12-3 [2021 Citation].

*Pub. L. 212-09, Sec. 3*

#### **12-1-3 Hearings**

(a) The Committee may meet when:

(1) A bill is either ordered by the Speaker or the Committee has passed a bill to the House floor —and:

(2) There are amendments to the bill for a vote on the House floor in which the Speaker or the Chair of the Committee has provided to the Rules & Reform Committee; or

(3) The Speaker or Chair of the Committee on the bill asks for a debate rule regarding the bill.

(b) The Committee is not required to establish a rule (see § 6(a)) for every bill.

(c) The Committee can only meet before the bill is brought to the floor for consideration.

(d) The Committee can also meet for the purposes of legislation in respect to any bills in regards to House Rules.

(e) The Committee may subpoena members to testify or produce documents.

*Pub. L. 212-09, Sec. 4*

#### **12-1-4 Resolution Providing for Consideration of the Bill**

(a) The Committee may submit a Resolution that provides for consideration of one or more bills.

(b) The Resolution shall have the debate rules for the bill(s).

*Pub. L. 212-09, Sec. 5*

#### **12-1-5 Committee Jurisdiction**

(a) Establish the amount of time and control on debate for bills—Debate Rule.

(b) Establish any amendments to be ordered on the floor—Amendment Paper.

(c) Serve as a Committee with a legislative purpose in respect to legislation targeted with intent to change the Rules of the House.

*Pub. L. 212-09, Sec. 6*

### CHAPTER 2. Vacation.

#### **12-2-1 Committee Name**

HCC 1-2 [2021 Citation / Repealed] is modified in respect to the Committee name; which shall be now be called "The Committee on Vacation"

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 2*

#### **12-2-2 Members of the Committee**

(a) The Speaker shall appoint two members to serve on the Committee on Vacation. One shall be the Chair and one shall be the Ranking Member.

(b) The Speaker may appoint him or herself to serve on the Committee.

(c) Members must be voted on with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority in the House and once confirmed by such House cannot be vetoed by the Speaker.

(d) Members must be appointed in early December and confirmed by the House by the end of the Session.

(1) In respect to the 2021 Session, the Speaker must appoint members and be confirmed or denied by the end of the Session.

(e) Members can serve up to two (2) legislative sessions once confirmed and can be re-appointed and re-confirmed for as long as they are a member of the House.

(f) Members can resign at will or by force with a Resolution that passes the House and is attested by the Speaker.



*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 3*

**12-2-3 Committee Hearings**

(a) The Committee can begin hearings once there is a Chair and Ranking Member confirmed by the House in each session.

(b) The Committee shall have the power to subpoena members to testify before the Committee.

(c) The Committee is required to meet by May 29th each Session and hear, vote, and approve a vacation location for the respective upcoming summer notwithstanding Section 5 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 4*

**12-2-4 House Resolution on Intent on Vacation**

Before the Committee can hear, vote, and approve any additional vacations besides the one described in Section 4(c), the House must pass a Resolution providing that the House as a whole intends on a vacation session.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 5*

**12-2-5 Authority of Existence**

(a) The Speaker is given the due authority to establish committees (1 HCC 3 [2021 Citation / Repealed]).

(b) This Act formally grants the House to form "The Committee on Vacation" under 2 HCC 1 [2021 Citation / Repealed].

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 6*

**12-2-6 Chair Authority**

(a) The Chair of the Committee is appointed and confirmed by the House under Section 3 of this Act.

(b) The Chair has the authority to do the following:

- (1) Schedule Hearings
- (2) Schedule Vacations
- (3) Adjourn the Committee
- (4) Recess the Committee
- (5) Debate on the House Floor

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 7*

**12-2-7 Ranking Member Authority**

(a) The Ranking Member of the Committee is appointed and confirmed by the House under Section 3 of this Act.

(b) The Ranking Member has the authority to do the following:

- (1) Debate on the House Floor

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 8*

**12-2-8 Submission of Location**

(a) Under Section 4 of this Act, the Chair may convene the Committee to hear, discuss locations for an upcoming vacation provided that Section 5 of this Act is complied with.

(b) Only the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee can submit locations for consideration and must be done before the Committee is expected to convene.

(c) Members outside of the Committee can forward suggestions to the members of the Committee, but this Section of the Act does not guarantee that they will be considered by the Committee.

(d) All submission of locations submitted by the Chair or Ranking Member must be given at least five (5) minutes of debate and no more than thirty (30) minutes.

(e) The Chair or Ranking Member may yield and/or reclaim their time to witnesses subpoenaed by the Committee.

(f) After a hearing and debate on all locations submitted by the Committee, the Committee shall generate a report of the final location or location(s) that are believed to be in the House's interest to at least consider by the House within thirty (30) days after the last hearing on the manner.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 9*

**12-2-9 Acceptance of Report**

Once the Report is filed by the Committee following the approval of Sections 4, 5, and 6(f), the Speaker must accept the report and generate and introduce a Resolution before the House on each location submitted by the Committee as listed in Section 6(f) of this Act.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 10*

**12-2-10 Consideration**

(a) Only the Chair of the Committee or a designee may ask the Speaker Pro Tempore or Speaker that the House immediately move to consider a particular Resolution as generated by the Speaker as described in Section 10 of this Act.

(b) This must be done within seven (7) days after the Resolutions are introduced as required in Section 10 of this Act.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 11*

### **12-2-11 Debate Rule**

(a) There shall be one (1) hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Vacation.

(b) Any member may make one motion to recommit before the previous question is ordered.

(c) The Committee on Rules and Reform may introduce a Resolution providing for further rules on debate in respect to the Resolutions generated as required in Section 10 of this Act.

(d) If Section 12(c) is carried out, it must be debated, voted, and approved with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority before debate can begin on the original Resolution being considered.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 12*

### **12-2-12 Amendment**

(a) The Chair of the Committee or designee may submit an amendment to the Resolution only for technical corrections or clarifications.

(b) The Chair of the Committee can ask unanimous consent or have five (5) minutes of debate and vote with at least a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority to approve an amendment to the Resolution.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 13*

### **12-2-13 Previous Question**

(a) The Previous Question shall be ordered at the conclusion of debate and shall receive at least a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority to overcome.

(b) If a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority cannot be reached, the House must debate for at least an additional half-hour on the Resolution and re-order the Previous Question.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 14*

### **12-2-14 Adoption**

(a) Upon the agreement of the Previous Question, the House must immediately move to adopt the Resolution.

(b) The Resolution shall require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority to pass.

(c) The House has one motion to reconsider, which shall be laid on the table without objection.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 15*

**12-2-15**                      **Veto Limits**

(a) Notwithstanding any other veto powers by the Speaker of the House, the Report and subsequent Resolution submitted by the Committee, accepted by the House, debated by the House, amended by the House, and adopted by the House cannot be Vetoed.

(b) The Resolution as described in Section 16(a) shall be granted immediate Assent upon its adoption.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 16*

**12-2-16**                      **Withdrawment**

(a) The House may at any time introduce, debate, and pass a Resolution to withdraw the original Resolution and/or the Resolution of Intent on Vacation.

(1) In respect to Summer Vacation, the House can only withdraw the original Resolution; as there is no Intent Resolution required for Summer Vacation.

(b) The purpose of withdrawal must be contained in the Resolution.

(c) If adopted and assented to, the Committee may reconvene and complete the processes as granted throughout this Act if the Intent Resolution remains active and valid.

(1) In respect to Summer Vacation, if the House withdraws the original Resolution; the Committee must reconvene and complete the process as described in this Act.

(d) If the Committee plans to reconvene, it must make sure it still falls within compliance of Section 5 of this Act and the House's intent remains the same. If not, the House must either amend or pass a new Intent of Vacation Resolution.

(e) All veto powers are granted in this Section of the Act.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 17*

**12-2-17**                      **Amendments to Passage**

(a) The House shall have the power to introduce, debate, and pass amendments to the Original Resolution and/or the Intent Resolution given it does not interfere with any other standing Resolutions or HCC.

(b) All veto powers are granted in this Section of the Act.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 18*

**12-2-18**                      **Definitions**

(a) "Committee". is defined as the Committee on Vacation, previously known as the Committee on Summer Vacation.

(b) "Session". is defined as the legislative of the House which begins each year on January 4th at noon.

*Pub. L. 212-04, Sec. 19*