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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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BILL NOTIFICATION  
RELEASE No. 17

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2017 Regular Session on July 12:

SB 1051 AN ACT CONCERNING CTNEXT PLANNING GRANTS-IN-AID AND  
PA 17-244 INNOVATION PLACE DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS AND INVEST CT  
FUND TAX CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY.  
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2017 Regular Session on July 11:

SB 76 AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF  
PA 17-174 TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A MILEAGE TAX STUDY WITH STATE FUNDS.  
This bill shall take effect from passage.

HB 7047 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING.  
PA 17-175 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.

HB 7138 AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF MAJOR  
PA 17-192 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PLANNING.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).

HB 5590 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM IN THE  
PA 17-207 STATE OF CONNECTICUT.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).  
*\*\*While Governor Malloy signed this bill, he wrote a letter to the members of the  
General Assembly regarding its content. Scroll down to view that letter.*

SB 966 AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
PA 17-219 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT, THE MINORITY BUSINESS INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD, THE  
STATE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE EVALUATION OF BUSINESS  
ASSISTANCE AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).

- HB 7276 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF.  
PA 17-220 This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7295 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM.  
PA 17-222 This bill shall take effect July 1, 2017.
- HB 7316 AN ACT CONCERNING EVALUATION OF BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.  
PA 17-226 This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 7023 AN ACT CONCERNING STEP THERAPY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRESCRIBED TO TREAT STAGE IV METASTATIC CANCER.  
PA 17-228 This bill shall take effect January 1, 2018.
- HB 7053 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE AND THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.  
PA 17-229 This bill shall take effect January 1, 2018.
- HB 7055 AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE NOTIFICATION OF STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AND THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, PARKING SPACES, WAYSIDE HORNS, THE DISPOSITION OF EXCESS STATE PROPERTY, HEAVY DUTY TRAILERS, FLASHING LIGHTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES, CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, PESTICIDE APPLICATION BY RAILROAD COMPANIES, THE "MOVE OVER" LAW, ROAD DESIGN STANDARDS, AND ROAD AND BRIDGE DESIGNATIONS.  
PA 17-230 This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7070 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES AND BINGO GAMES, BAZAARS AND RAFFLES.  
PA 17-231 This bill shall take effect January 1, 2018.
- HB 7072 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FARM DISTILLERY MANUFACTURER PERMIT.  
PA 17-232 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7141 AN ACT CONCERNING SECURED AND UNSECURED LENDING.  
PA 17-233 This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7174 AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN HOSPITAL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER A SALINE FLUSH TO AN INTRAVENOUS LINE.  
PA 17-234 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7248 AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD AND THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY IN ETHICS ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS.  
PA 17-235 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.

- HB 7019 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING'S ENFORCEMENT  
PA 17-236 AUTHORITY, THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN REPORTS, REQUIRING THE RETURN  
OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SECURITY DEPOSITS AND MAKING MINOR  
REVISIONS TO THE BANKING STATUTES.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7278 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS AND  
PA 17-238 EASEMENTS OF STATE LAND, THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY IN THE  
TOWN OF PRESTON AND A REQUIREMENT TO APPRAISE CERTAIN MUNICIPAL  
PROPERTY PRIOR TO SALE.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7302 AN ACT CONCERNING ISOLATED CONFINEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL STAFF  
PA 17-239 TRAINING AND WELLNESS.  
This bill shall take effect January 1, 2018.
- HB 7318 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST  
PA 17-240 EXEMPTIONS, THE COMMUNITY HOUSING LAND BANK AND LAND TRUST  
PROGRAM AND THE TAX REVALUATION DEADLINE FOR THE TOWN OF  
ORANGE.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- SB 963 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES  
PA 17-242 RELATING TO MANUFACTURING.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- SB 991 AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT  
PA 17-243 OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.  
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 6981 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PUBLIC HEALTH  
SA 17-17 PREVENTION EFFORTS.  
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- SB 820 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN  
SA 17-22 THE SMALL BUSINESS EXPRESS PROGRAM.  
This bill shall take effect from passage.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2017 Regular Session on June 30:

- HB 7205 AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY LITERACY.  
PA 17-101 This bill shall take effect July 1, 2017.
- HB 7104 AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE  
PA 17-186 REQUIREMENTS.  
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2017 Regular Session on July 11:

HB 6304 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF COMBINED HEAT AND POWER AND  
PA 17-227 DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEMS AND REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE VIABILITY OF  
NEW DISTRICT HEATING NETWORKS IN THE STATE AS PART OF THE  
COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY.

This bill had various effective dates. The Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.

As of this date, the Governor has signed two hundred sixty two (262) bills and vetoed four (4) bills of the 2017 Legislative Session.





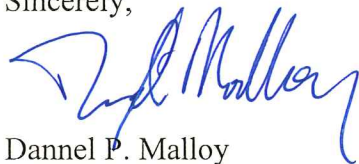
Second, it places all the financial risk on ratepayers and none on the private developer. The legislation requires ratepayers to cover all the costs of the fuel cell plant while forfeiting all revenues from the project's capacity and Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to the developer. I have never signed a bill that does not credit back to ratepayers the value of the electricity, capacity, or RECs produced by the clean energy facility. These asymmetric terms exacerbate the impact on ratepayers and create a bad precedent. In addition, while I have no doubt that the city is serious about developing a thermal loop, this bill requires that ratepayers finance the construction of the fuel cell plant with no guarantee that the thermal loop will be built or that a sufficient number of customers will be enrolled. Existing law requires enrollment of customers before ratepayer subsidies are awarded; this bill removes that protection. Bridgeport residents, whose rates will increase to finance this project because they are customers of the utility that would own it, also are guaranteed no other benefits under this bill.

Third, the bill deprives PURA of any ability to refine the technical or the financial details of the system proposed under this bill. Not only can PURA not specify the standards for the utility's selection process, it cannot recommend changes to any other details. This bill cedes all of the decisions to the utility, removing PURA from its proper role in evaluating and refining the proposal to require consumer protections or features that enhance the overall energy grid.

The state already has mechanisms for financing clean energy systems and creating local energy districts so that communities can share in the benefits of clean energy, while giving PURA appropriate power to ensure that all ratepayers are protected from undue risk. These include avenues for large-scale fuel cell procurement under Public Act 17-144, which my administration introduced and which I signed on June 28, and existing legislation to fund projects considered "Best of Class." Public Act 15-5, passed in June 2015, already provides customers of district thermal systems incentives to encourage their enrollment. The level of incentives provided through that Act is benchmarked to the value of incentives provided for all natural gas customers who reduce their gas usage. I respect the proponents of this bill and their sincerity in proposing it. I am willing to work with them to make sure that Bridgeport can develop a clean, efficient district energy system that includes sufficient protections for the public and ratepayers, and I look forward to discussing how to do so. This bill, however, is not the right approach.

For this reason, I disapprove of House Bill No. 6304, *An Act Concerning the Use of Combined Heat and Power and District Heating Systems and Requiring a Study of the Viability of New District Heating Networks in the State as Part of the Comprehensive Energy Strategy*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning House Bill No. 6304 without my signature.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor