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BILL NOTIFICATION  
RELEASE No. 8

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2018 Regular Session on May 25:

- HB 5210 AN ACT MANDATING INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH  
PA 18-10 BENEFITS AND EXPANDING MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN,  
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.  
This bill takes effect January 1, 2019.  
*\*\*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 376 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC  
PA 18-69 DEVICES.  
This bill is takes effect January 1, 2019.  
*\*\*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.*
- HB 5184 AN ACT PERMITTING THE AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS FOR THE  
PA 18-12 PURPOSE OF MODIFYING BUDGET ADOPTION DATES.  
This bill is effective from passage.
- SB 437 AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL INITIATIVE.  
PA 18-19 This bill is effective from passage.
- SB 244 AN ACT REQUIRING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TO BE MANDATED REPORTERS  
PA 18-17 OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.  
This bill takes effect July 1, 2018.
- HB 5205 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE  
PA 18-13 GUARANTY ASSOCIATION.  
This bill takes effect July 1, 2018.
- HB 5230 AN ACT HONORING CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD MEDAL OF HONOR  
PA 18-21 RECIPIENTS.  
This bill is effective March 25, 2019.

HB 5211 AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL PROCEDURES RELATING TO INITIATION OF  
PA 18-14 AN ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, DISSOLUTION OF CIVIL  
UNION OR LEGAL SEPARATION.  
This bill takes effect October 1, 2018.

HB 5245 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST PRACTICES FOR  
SA 18-3 PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND VETERANS.  
This bill is effective from passage.

As of this date, the Governor has signed twenty-nine (29) bills of the 2018 Regular Session.



## Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 25, 2018

Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut General Assembly:

Today I am signing House Bill 5210, *An Act Mandating Insurance Coverage of Essential Health Benefits and Expanding Mandated Health Benefits for Women, Children and Adolescents* and Senate Bill 376, *An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Prosthetic Devices*.

While these two pieces of legislation will help ensure some citizens of Connecticut have access to important medical care, protection of these services is meaningless if our citizens cannot afford insurance coverage in the first place. Thanks to the disastrous, piecemeal unraveling of the Affordable Care Act by the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress, and the resulting uncertainty in the health coverage marketplace, the people of our state already face skyrocketing health care costs. As you know, these increasing costs and the repeal of the individual mandate are expected to depress participation in exchanges across the country, hurting the neediest among us. Policy makers must focus on maintaining access to needed care while protecting consumers from these rising costs.

With cost and access in mind, we must approach any new health insurance mandate with caution. As I did last year, I strongly urge you to create a process through which such additional mandated benefits can be vetted, their costs analyzed, and their impact fully understood before enactment. Such a process would enable state policymakers to ensure that our citizens are receiving health insurance coverage that is both comprehensive and affordable. Adding new benefits without the aid of a full actuarial cost analysis will lead to increased burdens on our already strained consumers.

Additionally, the Affordable Care Act requires that the state defray the cost of any benefit a state mandates beyond the ones previously established as of December 31, 2011 for any plan sold through our health insurance exchange, Access Health CT. The mandates in these two bills alone will require the state to pay at least \$2 million each year. Public Act 18-81 did not include funds to pay for this expense, and I will be asking the Office of Policy and Management to identify ways to offset this unbudgeted cost.

Let me be clear: the goals of these two pieces of legislation are undoubtedly noble and those who advocated for them were entirely well intentioned. However, this is a warning - we must proceed

cautiously when taking legislative action may put vital health insurance out of reach for low-income and middle-income individuals in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor