

DANNEL P. MALLOY GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

July 14, 2011

BILL NOTIFICATION RELEASE No. 11

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2011 Session on July 13th:

S.A. 11-11 H.B. 6215	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORANGE TRAIN STATION This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
S.A. 11-12 sH.B. 6453	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GRANDPARENTS' VISITATION RIGHTS This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
S.A. 11-13 sS.B. 1153	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY LIFE INSURANCE POLICY AND ANNUITY CONVERSIONS AND THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN NOTIFICATIONS BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
S.A. 11-14 sS.B. 458	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITS This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
S.A. 11-15 sS.B. 764	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MATTABASSETT DISTRICT This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
S.A. 11-17 sS.B. 1202	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS A FUNERAL SERVICE BUSINESS TO OPERATE A SATELLITE OFFICE This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
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P.A. 11-89 H.B. 5178	AN ACT AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF ZONE CHANGES TO BE SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-118 sS.B. 1062	AN ACT REDUCING THE WAITING PERIOD UNDER THE VESSEL LIEN PROCESS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-160 sS.B. 152	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD COLLECTION BOARD This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-161 sS.B. 212	AN ACT SIMPLIFYING CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE BOTTLE BILL This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-162 S.B. 227	AN ACT CONCERNING REMEDIATION STANDARDS UNDER A CONSENT ORDER This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-163 S.B. 314	AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL OR NERVOUS CONDITIONS UNDER THE CONNECTICUT UNFAIR INSURANCE PRACTICES ACT This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-164 sS.B. 462	AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CONNECTICUT WINE AT FARMERS' MARKETS AND ESTABLISHING A FARMERS' MARKET WINE PERMIT This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-165 S.B. 958	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD IDENTITY THEFT This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-166 S.B. 980	AN ACT CONCERNING PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL STUDY FOSTER PARENTS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-167 sS.B. 1043	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
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P.A. 11-168 S.B. 1047	AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CERTAIN HOUSING STATUTES This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-169 S.B. 1083	AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR PAIN TREATMENT This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.
P.A. 11-171 sS.B. 18	AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BREAST MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING AND EXTENDING THE NOTIFICATION PERIOD TO INSURERS FOLLOWING THE BIRTH OF A CHILD This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.
P.A. 11-172 sS.B. 21	AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ROUTINE PATIENT CARE COSTS FOR CERTAIN CLINICAL TRIAL PATIENTS This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.
P.A. 11-173 sS.B. 939	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-174 S.B. 954	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS This Act has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.
P.A. 11-175 sS.B. 970	AN ACT CONCERNING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-176 sS.B. 973	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF UNDUE HARDSHIP FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND DISABILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES OF A SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-177 sS.B. 982	AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT TRUANCY CLINIC IN WATERBURY This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-178 sS.B. 999	AN ACT REQUIRING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR PATROL CARS ONLY IF AVAILABLE FROM A MANUFACTURER This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
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AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION ISSUES This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u> .
AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHEN A YOUTH IS ARRESTED FOR PROSTITUTION AND OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COORDINATED SYSTEM OF EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUARANTINE OF BITING GUIDE DOGS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
AN ACT REQUIRING CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPROVAL FOR THE TERMINATION OF INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT SERVICES BY A HOSPITAL This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
AN ACT CREATING A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT FOR A DRY HYDRANT This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
AN ACT CONCERNING RECEIPT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OF MUNICIPAL TAX BILLS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
AN ACT AUTHORIZING RENEWAL BY MAIL OF A STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN PET SHOP LICENSEE REQUIREMENTS TO PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT IMPORT ANIMALS FOR ADOPTION This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.

P.A. 11-188 H.B. 5472	AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL AND REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL COUNCILS AND CONCERNING CONSIDERATION OF AGRICULTURE IN LOCAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING REGULATIONS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-189 sH.B. 5508	AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-190 sH.B. 5526	AN ACT REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE QUARRYING This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-191 H.B. 6156	AN ACT CONCERNING FARMERS' MARKETS This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-192 sH.B. 6157	AN ACT CONCERNING STATE FORESTRY PROGRAMS This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-193 sH.B. 6224	AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT OPERATE DROP-IN PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN FROM THE STATE'S CHILD DAY CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-194 sH.B. 6226	AN ACT CONCERNING CROSS-REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-195 H.B. 6234	AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND CHANGES TO THE COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-196 sH.B. 6238	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACTUAL CASH VALUE OF A BUILDING This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.
P.A. 11-197 H.B. 6259	AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD FEE WAIVER FOR BLIND VETERANS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
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P.A. 11-198 H.B. 6263	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION FROM THE TEN MILL PROGRAM This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-199 H.B. 6306	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LISTING OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION PROVIDER LISTINGS, AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATIONS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-200 H.B. 6341	AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF REPOSE FOR ASBESTOS-RELATED PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-201 sH.B. 6351	AN ACT CONCERNING FORECLOSURE MEDIATION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, THE HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE EXEMPTION FOR MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS, GENERAL-USE PREPAID CARDS AND NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-203 sH.B. 6461	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF TENANT COMMISSIONERS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-204 sH.B. 6472	AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OSTOMY SUPPLIES This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.
P.A. 11-205 H.B. 6474	AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF LIENS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-206 H.B. 6488	AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORM OF CONVEYANCE OF LAND This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-207 H.B. 6489	AN ACT REQUIRING DNA TESTING OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR THE COMMISSION OF A SERIOUS FELONY This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-208 H.B. 6514	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.

P.A. 11-209 sH.B. 6549	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE DETERMINATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-210 H.B. 6554	AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING AN OVERDOSE AND THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN SYNTHETIC STIMULANTS AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-211 sH.B. 6557	AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR THE RECREATIONAL USE OF LANDS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-212 H.B. 6559	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL OPTION TO ADOPT ASSESSMENT RATES LIMITING PROPERTY TAX INCREASES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-213 sH.B. 6581	AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES This Act has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.
P.A. 11-214 sH.B. 6591	AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE CHILD SUPPORT STATUTES This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-215 S.B. 883	AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-216 sS.B. 1110	AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER CREDIT LICENSES AND THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT This Act has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.
P.A. 11-217 sS.B. 1116	AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECYCLING OF ORGANIC MATERIALS BY CERTAIN FOOD WHOLESALERS, MANUFACTURERS, SUPERMARKETS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
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P.A. 11-218 S.B. 1173	AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFIED PRIVATE INVESTMENTS FOR CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED'S PRESEED PROGRAM This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-219 sS.B. 1181	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND EXPEDITED ESTABLISHMENT OF PATERNITY AND SUPPORT IN TITLE IV-D CASES This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-220 S.B. 38	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND SECRET BALLOTS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-221 sS.B. 98	AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION BY MEANS OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-222 sS.B. 210	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BISPHENOL-A IN THERMAL RECEIPT PAPER This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2013.
P.A. 11-223 sS.B. 361	AN ACT PREVENTING THE USE OF CREDIT SCORES BY CERTAIN EMPLOYERS IN HIRING DECISIONS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-224 sS.B. 365	AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTIGATIONS BY PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-225 sS.B. 396	AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE SCREENING AND TREATMENT OF PROSTATE CANCER AND PROHIBITING DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT RATES TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR COLONOSCOPY OR ENDOSCOPIC SERVICES BASED ON SITE OF SERVICE This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-226 S.B. 417	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LIMIT ON TEACUP RAFFLE PRIZES AND AUTHORIZING GOLF BALL DROP RAFFLES This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.

P.A. 11-227 S.B. 464	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT BREWERY TRAIL AND REQUIRING THE CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM TO SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONNECTICUT ANTIQUES TRAIL This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-228 S.B. 799	AN ACT CONCERNING MISREPRESENTATION AS A BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-229 sS.B. 882	AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM, FILING REQUIREMENTS OF STATE CONTRACTORS, EVALUATION OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS AND A PROGRAM TO INCREASE CONTRACTS AWARDED TO RESIDENT BIDDERS This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-230 sS.B. 911	AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.
P.A. 11-231 sS.B. 1111	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN SILVER OXIDE BATTERIES This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-232 sS.B. 1138	AN ACT CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF SCHOOL BULLYING LAWS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-233 S.B. 1127	AN ACT CONCERNING MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS INCLUDING NURSING HOME CLOSURES, STAFFING AT THE POLICE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL, THE REPEAL OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL REVENUE, HIGHWAY REST AREAS AND AN EXEMPTION TO THE ELECTRIC GENERATION TAX This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill</u> .
P.A. 11-234 sS.B. 1160	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES REGARDING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATOR PERMIT This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.

P.A. 11-235 sH.B. 6501	AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN THE EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS SUSPECTED OF REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
	This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-236 sH.B. 6552	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER AND DISCHARGE OF NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS AND AUDITS OF CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-237 H.B. 6595	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-238 sH.B. 6612	AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATING TO PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-239 sS.B. 1162	AN ACT CONCERNING FILING DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND DELAYS IN REVALUATION FOR CERTAIN TOWNS, AND MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-240 sS.B. 1199	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE AND POVERTY EXEMPTION AND A REPORT ON EPISODES OF UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CARE This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-241 sH.B. 6497	AN ACT CREATING JOBS BY ENHANCING CONNECTICUT'S CORPORATE AND SECURITIES LAWS This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.
P.A. 11-242 sH.B. 6618	AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>

P.A. 11-243 H.B. 5489	AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR FIRE POLICE OFFICERS, PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE POLICE OFFICERS AND UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS AND THE APPROVAL OF REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>	
P.A. 11-244 H.B. 5567	AN ACT REQUIRING MINORS TO WEAR HELMETS IN COMMERCIAL, NONPROFIT AND MUNICIPALLY OPERATED BASEBALL BATTING CAGES This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.	
P.A. 11-245 sH.B. 6249	AN ACT REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE SITING OF WIND PROJECTS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.	
P.A. 11-246 H.B. 6515	AN ACT CONCERNING JOB CREATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.	
P.A. 11-247 H.B. 5021	AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR ELECTRICIANS AND DONATION BIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>	
P.A. 11-248 sH.B. 5326	AN ACT REQUIRING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN ALL PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.	
P.A. 11-249 sH.B. 6262	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS BY THE CONNECTICUT MILK PROMOTION BOARD This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.	
P.A. 11-250 sH.B. 6267	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF WINE WITH GIFT BASKETS This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2011.	
P.A. 11-251 sH.B. 6295	AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS WHO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WITH ANOTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>	
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P.A. 11-252 sH.B. 6344	AN ACT CONCERNING EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>
P.A. 11-253 H.B. 6364	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUNSET DATE FOR PERSONAL RISK INSURANCE RATE FILINGS AND THE PROCUREMENT OF REINSURANCE BY DOMESTIC TITLE INSURERS This Act took effect upon the Governor signing the bill.
P.A. 11-254 sH.B. 6399	AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDITS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-255 sH.B. 6449	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF PERSONS ENTERING OR EXITING A SCHOOL BUS This Act took effect on July 1, 2011.
P.A. 11-256 sH.B. 6540	AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHWAY SAFETY, STATE FACILITY TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES, MUNICIPAL BUILDING DEMOLITION, STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION CERTIFICATES, AT GRADE CROSSINGS, THE NAMING OF ROADS AND BRIDGES IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND A TRAIN STATION IN NIANTIC This Act has various effective dates. <u>Refer to text of bill.</u>

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2011 Session on July 13th:

P.A. 11-202AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISION OF MUNICIPAL
CHARTERS
This Act would have taken effect on October 1, 2011. The
Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.

As of this date, the Governor has signed two hundred and sixty-six (266) bills, vetoed six (6) bills and returned without signature one (1) bill of the 2011 Legislative Session. The Governor signed one (1) bill of the June 2011 Special Session.



Dannel P. Malloy GOVERNOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT

July 13, 2011

The Honorable Denise Merrill Secretary of the State 30 Trinity Street Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am hereby returning without my signature House Bill 6410, *An Act Concerning the Revision of Municipal Charters*. Under this proposed law, beginning in October, municipal legislative bodies could restrict the scope of authority now vested in charter revision commissions in substantial ways. Specifically, it would remove the authority now vested in a charter revision commission to consider all aspects of a charter in discharging its obligations.

Municipal charters form the fundamental framework of local government. The decision of local legislative bodies about whether to amend a charter is a significant one. Once that decision is made, the members of the charter revision commission are charged with the responsibility of researching, analyzing and proposing any amendments to the charter they deem necessary. This legislation unnecessarily limits the ability of such commissions to thoroughly do their jobs. It could easily lead to situations where changes in one section of a charter are amended, but an interrelated section of the charter is considered off limits because of the narrow authority given to the commission by the legislative body. Such an inability to make corresponding changes in related sections of a charter could yield unworkable or incongruous results.

I am also concerned about the possibility that this bill could be used by a political party that has dominant control of the municipality's legislative body to target particular items in a charter that are disfavored by that majority, but which are favored by the minority. While such opportunism would hopefully be rare, it is a real risk and one that concerns me, regardless of which political party is in the majority.

While many of the practical challenges that may arise under municipal charters are well known to the members of a local legislative body, others in local government have important insights and understandings of those charters as well. Under this legislation, mayors and first selectmen and other elected officials who are not members of the local legislative body would have no practical opportunity to advance independent proposals for consideration by the commission. As a former mayor for 14 years, I know well that chief elected officials have intimate understandings of charter obligations and limitations, and it seems to serve no logical purpose to forestall the ability of those officials to participate fully in the charter revision process.

Finally, this legislation undermines the rights of citizens and citizen groups generally to participate in the charter revision process. Great ideas for charter amendments can come from all quarters, and should not be forestalled if they did not originate with the local legislative body. Groups like the League of Women Voters, or even just active individuals in a community who are keen observers of government, should be allowed to contribute their ideas and suggestions openly before a charter revision commission. Unfortunately, that door might be shut to such citizen involvement under this bill.

For these reasons, I disapprove of House Bill 6410, An Act Concerning the Revision of Municipal Charters. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning House Bill 6410 without my signature.

Sincerely, Dannel P. Malloy Governor