GOVERNOR'S OFFICE       June 12, 2014

BILL NOTIFICATION
RELEASE No. 12           For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on June 11th:

PA 14-154
HB 5489
AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTEGRITY OF THE BUSINESS REGISTRY.
This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-155
HB 5466

PA 14-156
HB 5450
AN ACT CONCERNING ARBITRATION IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT CASES. This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014 and is applicable to any civil action pending on or filed on or after said date.

PA 14-157
HB 5443
AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE UNDER STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.
PA 14-158
HB 5439
AN ACT CONCERNING BRAND NAME DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS FOR STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-159
HB 5453
AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYERS AND HOME CARE WORKERS.
This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

PA 14-160
HB 5440
AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PHYSICIANS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-161
HB 5442
AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-162
HB 5500
AN ACT CONCERNING PROVIDER AUDITS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-163
HB 5424
AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WATER PLANNING COUNCIL.
This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-164
HB 5441
AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT PAYMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES.
This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-165
HB 5456
AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY REPORTING OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, THE DEFINITION OF ABUSE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-166
SB 55
AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS THAT ALLEGED MISCONDUCT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PERSONNEL.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-167
SB 61
AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY FOR HOSPITAL AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER SERVICES.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.
PA 14-169  AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANT OF PROPERTY
SB 70    INTERESTS IN PROPERTY HELD BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF
         AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
         PROTECTION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC USE
         AND BENEFIT LAND REGISTRY.
         This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s
         signature.

PA 14-170  AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE
SB 71    MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.
         This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s
         signature.

PA 14-172  AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT
SB 106    OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION AND ENSURING
         SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATES.
         This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-173  AN ACT CONCERNING COURT SUPPORT SERVICES.
SB 152    This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-174  AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PROPERTY
SB 447    TAX RELIEF FOR BUSINESSES, A HOMEOWNERSHIP
         INCENTIVE PROGRAM, ADJUSTMENTS TO A PROPERTY TAX
         SYSTEM AND A MUNICIPAL OPTION FOR ASSESSMENT
         OF PROPERTY USED FOR WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUSINESS.
         This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-176  AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
HB 5521   OF EPINEPHRINE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
         This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-175  AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY AND
HB 5502   CASUALTY AND SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE STATUTES.
         This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-177  AN ACT CONCERNING DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT
HB 5526   OBLIGORS.
         This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-178  AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HB 5530   HEALTH’S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BULK WATER
         HAULERS.
         This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s
         signature.

PA 14-179  AN ACT CONCERNING MUTUAL CONSOLIDATION OF
HB 5531   DISPATCH FACILITIES.
         This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.
PA 14-187  AN ACT ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT REGULATION.
This bill has various effective dates.  Refer to text of bill.

SA 14-14  AN ACT CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.

SA 14-16  AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF KITCHEN INCUBATORS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

SA 14-17  AN ACT CONCERNING THE TASK FORCE ON DOMESTIC WORKERS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

SA 14-18  AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING AND BIDDING TRANSPARENCY WORKING GROUP.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.

SA 14-19  AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR CAREER READINESS AND MANUFACTURING APPRENTICESHIP PREPARATION PROGRAMS AT THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on June 12th.

PA 14-180  AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF A PATIENT’S OBSERVATION STATUS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-181  AN ACT CONCERNING JUICE BARS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-182  AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS’ RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.

PA 14-183  AN ACT CONCERNING SEWER ASSESSMENT APPEALS AND THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS. This bill has various effective dates.  Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-184  AN ACT CONCERNING BAIL BONDS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.
PA 14-185  
HB 5592  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME LIMITATION FOR PROSECUTING A MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION OR OFFENSE THAT RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON. 
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-186  
HB 5040  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. 
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-188  
HB 5312  
AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTING, GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION REGARDING EXTENSIONS OF POLLING PLACE HOURS. 
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-189  
HB 5334  
AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFF-SITE FARM WINERY SALES AND TASTING PERMIT. 
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-191  
HB 5476  
AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF LEGALIZING INDUSTRIAL HEMP. 
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.

PA 14-192  
HB 5525  
AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MUNICIPALITY UPON THE RELEASE OF A REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDER INTO SUCH MUNICIPALITY. 
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-193  
SB 14  
AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACY AUDITS AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO PHARMACIES. 
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-194  
SB 179  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRAINING. 
This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-195  
SB 185  
AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STANDARD VALUATION AND NONFORFEITURE LAWS, AND THE USE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS' VALUATION MANUAL. 
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.

PA 14-196  
SB 203  
AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS PROGRAM. 
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.
PA 14-197
AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACY REWARDS PROGRAMS
AND PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-198
AN ACT CONCERNING EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL
FOR CHILDREN OF SERVICE MEMBERS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-199
AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE
TRANSPORTATION STATUTES.
This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-200
AN ACT PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF
FRACKING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.

PA 14-201
AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH HUNTING AND FISHING
LICENSES, REVISING CERTAIN HUNTING AND FISHING
LICENSE FEES AND REQUIRING REGISTRATION BY
HUNTING AND FISHING GUIDE SERVICES.
This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-202
AN ACT ELIMINATING AND MODIFYING CERTAIN
REPORTING AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND
REPEALING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor’s signature.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on June 11th.

PA 14-171
AN ACT INCREASING THE CAP ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.
This bill would have taken effect on July 1, 2014, and applicable to income and taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2014. The Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on June 12th.

PA 14-230
AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE
EDUCATION STATUTES.
This bill would have had various effective dates. The Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.
PA 14-209
SB 410

AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.
This bill would have taken effect on October 1, 2014. The
Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto
message.

As of this date, the Governor has signed two hundred and sixteen (216) bills and vetoed seven (7) bills of the 2014 Legislative Session.
June 11, 2014

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute Senate Bill 75, *An Act Increasing the Cap on the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program*. This is a good bill, and I deeply regret being unable to sign it. However, while I support this program and would welcome an opportunity to expand it, the $5 million potential revenue loss was not contemplated in this year’s budget adjustments and will put the budget out of balance.

The Neighborhood Assistance Act encourages businesses to invest in neighborhood programs focused on job training or education, community services, crime prevention, energy conservation, or construction or rehabilitation of low and moderate income housing, among other things. This good program helps fund valuable projects and provides an opportunity for business to become critical partners in community development.

Every budget process involves difficult choices. This year’s budget adjustments were no exception and, unfortunately, the expansion of the Neighborhood Assistance Act program was not included in the final budget that I signed. Therefore, this worthwhile expansion must be delayed until the resources are available. I urge the legislature next session to appropriate the funds necessary to increase the cap on the Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit. I will support and would unreservedly sign such a bill.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute Senate Bill 75, *An Act Increasing the Cap on the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute Senate Bill 75 without my signature.

Sincerely,

[Dannel P. Malloy]
Governor
June 12, 2014

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute House Bill 5566, An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes. There is much in this bill that I support, and I look forward to working with the legislature to enact the bill’s many sound provisions into law. However, I cannot support section 8, which potentially prohibits the sale of nonfat chocolate milk in our public schools.

The section at issue is well-intentioned and with some minor changes I would be fully supportive. However, as written, the section prohibits the sale of nonfat milk containing any “added sodium.” Unfortunately, all milk producers that sell milk to our public schools add some sodium to their nonfat chocolate milk product to counteract the bitterness caused by adding cocoa to the milk.

The provision related to sodium was intended to contribute to a sensible effort to reduce the amount of sodium consumed by our students, as required by federal law. Excessive consumption of sodium is a contributing factor to the high rate of heart disease in our country, and it may be wise to cap the sodium levels in milk offered in our schools. But an outright ban on added sodium is not workable.

Ideally, students will choose to drink unflavored nonfat milk. Chocolate milk contains unnecessary calories, sugar, as well as sodium. Dietary guidelines for Americans recommend that children consume three servings of nonfat or low fat dairy a day in order to ensure that they are getting the amount of calcium needed during these critical bone developing years. Research shows, however, that when chocolate milk is removed as an option, total milk consumption goes down and milk waste increases, presumably because students who do not like the taste of unflavored milk throw it away. On balance, health professionals are largely in agreement that for these reasons chocolate milk should remain an option in our schools, though children should be encouraged to try unflavored milk.
I am not opposed to individual school districts having the choice to eliminate the sale of chocolate milk in their schools. However, I do not think it is a wise policy to mandate state-wide.


Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor
June 12, 2014

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute Senate Bill 410, *An Act Concerning Administrative Hearings Conducted by the Department of Social Services*.

My concern with this bill is Section 1(d), which would restrict Department of Social Services ("DSS") hearing officers’ ability to seek counsel from agency attorneys or other staff. The hearings at issue are held to determine whether DSS has properly denied an application for certain federal and state entitlement programs. Prohibiting hearing officers from consulting with counsel or with agency subject-matter experts would impair DSS’s ability to fulfill its mission of making accurate eligibility determinations in an efficient and timely manner.

My office has received communications urging me to sign this bill from private and legal services attorneys who represent clients before DSS, and I fully support a robust and collaborative process to identify and implement any reasonable improvements to guarantee the effectiveness, efficiency and fairness of the DSS hearings process. To that end, I am directing my General Counsel to convene a working group to examine thoroughly the DSS hearings process and to report to me by December 1st, 2014. That working group shall include three representatives of the state, at least three attorneys who represent or have represented clients in administrative hearings before DSS, and at least one independent expert in administrative law.

While I fully support a collaborative effort to identify any and all reasonable improvements to the DSS hearings process, I am not comfortable signing the bill in its current form.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute Senate Bill 410, *An Act Concerning Administrative Hearings Conducted by the Department of Social Services*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute Senate Bill 410 without my signature. I welcome the opportunity to work closely with proponents of this bill in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor