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**Legislative Update # 3**

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Legislative Update #3 has a lot of information in it! Below are proposed bills that may be of interest to the DMHAS advocacy community. In this update I have also included information on hearing dates for several bills.

[HB-5233](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

[SB-185](#) AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN FACILITIES FROM THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR ZONING PURPOSES.

[SB-244](#) ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS BY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PHARMACIES.

[SB-247](#) S.B. No. 247 AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.

[SB-248](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO IDENTITY DOCUMENTS BY HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS.

[HB-5206](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

[HB-5232](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM BASE RATE FOR METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT.

[HB-5233](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

[HB-5248](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEER SUPPORT SERVICES IN THIS STATE.

[HB-5254](#) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER.

[HB-5256](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

[HB-5275](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE.

[SB-21](#) ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, INTERNET GAMING, A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN BRIDGEPORT, ENTERTAINMENT ZONE FACILITIES, INTERNET LOTTERY AND INTERNET KENO.

[SB-193](#) ACT CONCERNING METHADONE MAINTENANCE.

[SB-212](#) ACT AUTHORIZING A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN BRIDGEPORT, SPORTS WAGERING, ENTERTAINMENT ZONES, ONLINE GAMING, ONLINE LOTTERY TICKET SALES AND ONLINE KENO.

**The following bills have hearings scheduled:**

[HB-5206](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. (2/27/20, 11:00 AM Room, LOB)

[SB-140](#) AN ACT REQUIRING FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BATHROOMS. (2/26/20, 10:30, Room 1D, LOB)

[HB-5185](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TITLE PROTECTION FOR NURSES. (2/26/20, 10:30, Room 1D, LOB)

[SB-141](#) AN ACT DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES A SINGLE HEALTH CARE ENTITY. (2/26/20, 10:30, Room 1D, LOB)

[SB-185](#) AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN FACILITIES FROM THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR ZONING PURPOSES. (2/27/20, 12:30, Room 2A, LOB)

[HB-5242](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS FOR THOSE RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION. (2/27/20, 12:30, Room 2A, LOB)

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or [mary.mason@ct.gov](mailto:mary.mason@ct.gov). During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120 since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.