



State of Connecticut
Office of Governor Ned Lamont

BILL NOTIFICATION 2022-16

June 1, 2022

Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2022 Regular Session on June 1:

SB 120 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS ON GOLF COURSES.
PA 22-142

Governor Lamont vetoed the following legislation of the 2022 Regular Session on June 1:

SB 258 AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE PATROL VEHICLES THAT REQUIRE
PA 22-95 DASHBOARD CAMERAS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A MINE-RESISTANT,
 AMBUSH-PROTECTED VEHICLE.
***Governor Lamont's veto message can be found on page 2 of this
document.***

As of this date, the governor has signed 168 bills and vetoed 2 bills of the 2022 Regular Session.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

June 1, 2022

The Honorable Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, Senate Bill 258, *An Act Concerning Police Patrol Vehicles That Require Dashboard Cameras and the Acquisition of a Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected Vehicle*.

The bill makes two changes to provisions originally enacted in *An Act Concerning Police Accountability*, Public Act 20-1. Section 1 makes unobjectionable technical and clarifying changes to the provisions regarding dashboard cameras. Section 2 makes a one-time exception to the Public Act 20-1 bar on acquisition of "controlled equipment" via the Department of Defense 1033 military surplus equipment program (the "1033 program"). As written, the exception would allow the city of West Haven to acquire a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle ("MRAP") from the town of Farmington. As explained below, I oppose this exception to the military-surplus provisions of Public Act 20-1.

Following an extended public debate regarding the militarization of police, the legislature included in Public Act 20-1 a prohibition on acquiring the most militarized equipment available through the 1033 program. MRAPs were included in the list following several national and local instances of inappropriate use of such vehicles. Public Act 20-1 appropriately prevented acquisition of MRAPs, and I believe it is inconsistent with the intent of Public Act 20-1 and the type of community-focused policing my administration supports to make an exception to this prohibition.

For this reason, I disapprove of Senate Bill 258, *An Act Concerning Police Patrol Vehicles That Require Dashboard Cameras and the Acquisition of a Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected Vehicle*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning Senate Bill 258 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont".

Ned Lamont
Governor