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The 2019 Legislative Session has seen a number of proposals related to changing the legal age to purchase tobacco. There have also been laws proposed related to casinos and gambling. Below are bills that have been proposed that may be of interest to the behavioral health community:

Tobacco Bills:

HB-5131 AN ACT RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS FROM EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY-ONE.

HB-5439 AN ACT RAISING THE LEGAL AGE FOR PURCHASE AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

HB-5451 AN ACT RAISING THE LEGAL AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO TO TWENTY-ONE.

HB-6129 AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FOR TOBACCO PRODUCT PURCHASES.

HB-6789 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FROM THE TOBACCO AND HEALTH TRUST FUND.

Gambling Bills:

SB-665 AN ACT CONCERNING SPORTS WAGERING.

HB-6379 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A CASINO GAMING FACILITY IN THE STATE.

HB-6572 AN ACT CONCERNING PURCHASE OF LOTTERY TICKETS BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.

HB-6576 AN ACT CREATING THE CONNECTICUT GAMING COMMISSION AND CREATING A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR A RESORT-CASINO.

HB-7055 AN ACT CREATING THE CONNECTICUT GAMING COMMISSION AND CREATING A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR A RESORT-CASINO.

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting cga.ct.gov. 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. 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.