

## 2018 SHIP Policy Agenda

1. **TOBACCO** – Raise the age to purchase tobacco & ENDS products from 18 years of age to 21 years of age. Upgrade Clean Indoor Air Laws to meet national recommendations for comprehensive law. Remove pre-emption clauses that hinder local tobacco control authority.
2. **Seatbelt use for all seating positions in automobiles** – update current law to include rear seated passengers in automobiles
3. **Motorcycle Helmet Law** – require all operators and passengers to wear protective helmets
4. **Paid Family and Medical Leave** – require employers to provide paid Family and Medical Leave
5. **Property Maintenance Code (PMC)** – Connecticut adoption of 2015 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
6. **Tax parity for other tobacco products and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)** to match the current cigarette tax
7. **Safe Drinking Water** – require public drinking water systems to review the age and condition of the water system’s infrastructure
8. **Immunizations** – allow the release of aggregate immunization data for each school in Connecticut
9. **Lead Paint Assessment Fee** – require manufacturers of architectural paint to pay a 25-cent assessment fee per gallon sold to a distributor in the state, to fund lead paint abatement projects for low income family housing and housing where children under age six have been found to have elevated blood lead levels.
10. **Opioids** – establish a system for uniform data collection on the administering of naloxone by first responders and community groups
11. **Medicare Savings Program & Medicaid Eligibility/Cuts** – restore funding cuts that affect income and access to health care for 113,000 Connecticut residents.
12. **Funding for public health agencies** – advocate for funding for state and local public health agencies to support prevention and health improvement.