



State of Connecticut
Office of Governor Ned Lamont

BILL NOTIFICATION 2024-11

June 11, 2024

Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2024 Regular Session on June 6:

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| HB 5352
PA 24-124 | AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE TIRE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM. |
| HB 5367
PA 24-130 | AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF RAPID WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING FOR CRITICALLY ILL INFANTS AND STUDIES CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF THE KATIE BECKETT WAIVER PROGRAM WAITING LIST AND MEDICAID COVERAGE OF DIAPERS. |
| HB 5373
PA 24-134 | AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO HUMAN SERVICES STATUTES. |
| HB 5483
PA 24-136 | AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND TRANSFERRING VARIOUS FUNCTIONS TO A DIVISION OF FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, REVISING THE POWERS AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP. |
| HB 5500
PA 24-137 | AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS LAWS CONCERNING IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SALARIES AND CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. |
| HB 5508
PA 24-139 | AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. |
| HB 5429
PA 24-140 | AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSARY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR YOUTH IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FACILITIES. |
| HB 5236
PA 24-142 | AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION. |

HB 5474 PA 24-143	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL APPROVALS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES, REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS, RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, NOTICES OF RENT INCREASES AND THE HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING LOAN AND GRANT FUND.
HB 5507 PA 24-144	AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AND THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROCESSES OF THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL.
HB 5426 PA 24-145	AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY ASSISTANCE STUDIES AND FUEL VENDOR REIMBURSEMENT.
HB 5211 PA 24-146	AN ACT CONCERNING VIRTUAL CURRENCY AND MONEY TRANSMISSION.
HB 5267 PA 24-147	AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO AND REPEALING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF STATUTES RELEVANT TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT.
HB 5498 PA 24-148	AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION SECURITY AND TRANSPARENCY, THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, ABSENTEE VOTING FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS OF NURSING HOMES, SECURITY OF CERTAIN ELECTION WORKERS, STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION COMPLAINTS, BALLOTS MADE AVAILABLE IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH AND VARIOUS OTHER REVISIONS RELATED TO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.
HB 5299 PA 24-149	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE JOBSCT PROGRAM AND THE COMMERCE AND RELATED STATUTES.
HB 5511 PA 24-150	AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Governor Lamont vetoed the following legislation of the 2024 Regular Session on June 11:

HB 5431 PA 24-131	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT FAMILIES AND WORKERS ACCOUNT. <i>**The veto message for this bill can be found on page 3 of this document.**</i>
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As of this date, the governor has signed 172 bills and vetoed 2 bills of the 2024 Regular Session.



Ned Lamont
GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

June 11, 2024

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, House Bill 5431, *An Act Establishing a Connecticut Families and Workers Account*.

While the intention to provide assistance to low-income workers is commendable, there are significant concerns with the language as drafted. The allocation of up to \$3,000,000 of unexpended funds into a new, separate, non-lapsing account within the General Fund lacks clarity in terms of impact, financial accountability and oversight. Without a clear mechanism for monitoring the transfer and utilization of the funds, there is risk of inefficiency, mismanagement and lack of transparency in their intended allocation. It is unclear how the Comptroller will ensure that the funds are used appropriately and effectively to assist low-income workers.

In addition, the absence of detailed guidelines on how the funds will be utilized or the specific criteria for assisting low-income workers presents challenges in ensuring the effective and equitable distribution of resources. The bill does not provide specific details about how the "Connecticut families and workers account" will assist low-income workers. It does not outline the criteria for eligibility or the specific types of assistance that will be provided. Without clear goals or metrics for success, it is difficult to assess the effectiveness of this initiative in addressing the needs of low-income workers.

I remain committed to working with legislature to develop sound policies that ensures the effective use of public funds, maintains transparency and accountability in government operations, and continues to prioritize the needs of our low-income workers and families.

For these reasons, I disapprove of House Bill 5431, *An Act Establishing a Connecticut Families and Workers Account*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning House Bill 5431 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gov Ned Lamont".

Ned Lamont
Governor