



State of Connecticut  
Office of Governor Ned Lamont

BILL NOTIFICATION 2024-6

May 29, 2024

Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2024 Regular Session on May 28:

SB 109 PA 24-47	AN ACT MODIFYING THE CONNECTICUT AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS PROGRAM.
HB 5189 PA 24-48	AN ACT CONCERNING A SMALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ACCOUNT.
SB 215 PA 24-49	AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH CAMPS.
SB 307 PA 24-50	AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF BIOMARKER TESTING.
SB 333 PA 24-51	AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL CHARTER REVISIONS.
SB 13 PA 24-52	AN ACT INCENTIVIZING STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE.
SB 178 PA 24-53	AN ACT REQUIRING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS TO INCLUDE WORKING WITH TEXTURED HAIR.
SB 199 PA 24-54	AN ACT REQUIRING ONLINE PREVENTION EDUCATION FOR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM DEALER REGISTRATION.
SB 224 PA 24-55	AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE OF REVALUATION TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WITH DEFECTIVE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.
SB 234 PA 24-56	AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.
SB 238 PA 24-57	AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS FROM THE MILITARY RELIEF FUND.
SB 308 PA 24-58	AN ACT CONCERNING WHEELCHAIR REPAIR REQUIREMENTS.

SB 248 PA 24-60	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION.
SB 263 PA 24-61	AN ACT CONCERNING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS FOR COURT-ORDERED PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS AND FUNDING.
SB 303 PA 24-63	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES.
SB 304 PA 24-64	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY.
SB 339 PA 24-65	AN ACT REQUIRING RESTITUTION WHEN A POLICE ANIMAL OR DOG IN A VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM IS INJURED OR KILLED.
SB 283 PA 24-66	AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
HB 5290 PA 24-68	AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.
SB 435 PA 24-70	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF FARM LAND AND OPEN SPACE LAND AND REVISIONS TO THE CONNECTICUT ENTITY TRANSACTIONS ACT.
SB 133 PA 24-73	AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND RELATED PROFESSIONS.

Governor Lamont vetoed the following legislation of the 2024 Regular Session on May 29:

SB 226 PA 24-25	AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FOR SEALED BIDDING ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS. <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 69 bills and vetoed 1 bill of the 2024 Regular Session.



**Ned Lamont**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 29, 2024

The Honorable Stephanie Thomas  
Secretary of the State  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, Senate Bill 226, *An Act Increasing the Threshold for Sealed Bidding on Certain Municipal Contracts*.

While I understand the intention behind this Act to increase efficiency in municipal contracting processes, I have serious concerns that I believe necessitate this veto.

First and foremost, the proposed amendment to section 7-148v of the general statutes raises the threshold for sealed bidding on certain municipal contracts from twenty-five thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars. The threshold of twenty-five thousand dollars was established in 2013, an inflation adjustment would increase threshold to approximately thirty-five thousand dollars. This bill has a significant increase above that number. While the goal may be to streamline administrative procedures and reduce bureaucratic hurdles, I cannot overlook the potential risks associated with reducing transparency and accountability in the awarding of public contracts.

Competitive bidding processes are essential to ensure fairness, quality, and cost-effectiveness in public procurement. By increasing the threshold for sealed bidding, we run the risk of limiting competition, potentially leading to inflated costs, reduced quality of services or goods, and even unethical practices such as favoritism or collusion.

In an era where transparency, accountability, and efficiency are paramount, it is crucial that our laws and regulations keep pace with best practices to ensure the highest level of integrity and value for taxpayers' dollars and that adequate safeguards to prevent abuse or misuse are in place.

I urge the General Assembly to reconsider the implications of this legislation and work towards crafting a more balanced and comprehensive approach to improving municipal contracting processes. I stand ready to collaborate with all stakeholders to develop solutions that promote efficiency, integrity, and fairness in public procurement while upholding the principles of good governance and fiscal responsibility.

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For these reasons, I disapprove of Senate Bill 226, *An Act Increasing the Threshold for Sealed Bidding on Certain Municipal Contracts*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning Senate Bill 226 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the word "Lamont".

Ned Lamont  
Governor