



State of Connecticut
Office of Governor Ned Lamont

BILL NOTIFICATION 2025-13

June 23, 2025

Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2025 Regular Session on June 23:

HB 5425 PA 25-40	AN ACT CONCERNING RAILWAYS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.
HB 6990 PA 25-41	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY AND VIRTUAL CURRENCY WALLETS.
HB 5605 PA 25-50	AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.
SB 1473 PA 25-63	AN ACT REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR FDA-APPROVED GENE THERAPIES TO TREAT SICKLE CELL DISEASE.
SB 1377 PA 25-65	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND DRIVERS, THE PROJECTION OF A LASER AT AN AIRCRAFT OR FLIGHT PATH, AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES, SMALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL, BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND THE NAMING OF CERTAIN ROADS AND BRIDGES.
HB 5001 PA 25-67	AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALITY AND DELIVERY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.
HB 6183 PA 25-68	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.
HB 6434 PA 25-69	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE INSURANCE-RELATED STATUTES.
HB 6883 PA 25-70	AN ACT PROTECTING THE LOCATION OF HOUSING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.
HB 6887 PA 25-71	AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

HB 6918 PA 25-72	AN ACT PROHIBITING FIRST COUSIN MARRIAGE.
HB 6957 PA 25-73	AN ACT ALLOWING A TOWN TO DESIGNATE ITSELF A CITY, ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF CORPORATE HOUSING ACQUISITIONS AND CONCERNING TRAINING FOR INLAND WETLANDS AGENCIES, CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED IN ERROR, THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS, INCLUSIONARY ZONING, SOLAR INSTALLATIONS IN CERTAIN COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES, THE CAPITAL REGION AND THE MILLSTONE RIDGE TAX DISTRICT.
HB 6982 PA 25-74	AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR INJURIES INHERENT IN CAMPING WHILE AT A PRIVATE CAMPGROUND.
HB 7045 PA 25-75	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING LABOR.
HB 7081 PA 25-76	AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE PORTABILITY FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.
HB 7134 PA 25-77	AN ACT CONCERNING ENHANCED PROTECTIONS AVAILABLE UNDER THE STATE'S ANTI-SLAPP STATUTE.
HB 7139 PA 25-78	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF STATE MARSHALS AND THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION AND THE STATE MARSHALS ADVISORY BOARD.
HB 7156 PA 25-79	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES.
SB 1284 PA 25-80	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ILLEGAL USE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND STREET TAKEOVERS.
SB 1434 PA 25-81	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS CONCERNING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.
HB 5003 PA 25-82	AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION.
HB 5730 PA 25-83	AN ACT CONCERNING STAGGERED TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE TWO-GENERATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD.

HB 6868 PA 25-84	AN ACT ENHANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING PREDICTABILITY.
HB 6875 PA 25-85	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT.
HB 6897 PA 25-86	AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE FOR PERSONAL RISK INSURANCE RATE FILINGS.
HB 6981 PA 25-87	AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC POSTING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY INSURERS, NONRENEWAL OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE POLICIES, FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS AND THE INSURERS REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT, HYPOTHECATION OF ASSETS AND SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE.
HB 7098 PA 25-88	AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION REFUNDS FOR FORMER STONE ACADEMY STUDENTS.
HB 7108 PA 25-89	AN ACT CONCERNING AUTISM AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES AND ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS.
HB 7153 PA 25-90	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PORT EASTSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD AND THE PARK CITY LANDING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.
SB 1 PA 25-93	AN ACT INCREASING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS, SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION.

Governor Lamont vetoed the following legislation of the 2025 Regular Session on June 23:

HB 5002 PA 25-49	AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AND THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS. <i>The veto message can be found on page 4 of this document.</i>
SB 8 PA 25-64	AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO WORKERS' RIGHTS. <i>The veto message can be found on page 7 of this document.</i>

As of this date, the governor has signed 94 bills; signed and line-item vetoed 2 bills; and vetoed 2 bills of the 2025 Regular Session.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

June 23, 2025

The Honorable Stephanie Thomas

Secretary of the State

State Capitol

Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Article Fourth, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning House Bill No. 5002, *An Act Concerning Housing and the Needs of Homeless Persons*, without my approval.

This is not a decision I take lightly.

I have thought long and hard about this bill—about the undeniable urgency of the housing crisis it seeks to address, and the deep consequences of our past inaction. Connecticut's housing shortage is among the most severe in the country. It is deterring businesses from investing or growing in our state, driving up costs for working families, and worsening homelessness, which rose 13% in 2024 alone. Simply put, the status quo is unsustainable.

But no legislation is perfect. As well-intentioned as this bill may be, it requires revision before it can form the foundation of a durable and equitable statewide housing strategy. Most importantly, I believe there is a better path forward—one rooted in partnership, collaboration and action.

We have made significant steps forward in recent years and I thank the advocates, legislators and local leaders who have helped to make this happen. More housing has been permitted in the last few years than in the previous ten. The Connecticut Municipal Development Authority now has over 17 communities that are actively engaged in identifying neighborhoods to encourage more housing. And, through our Time to Own program, we have helped over 6,300 families buy their first home.

To make change meaningful and long-lasting, our towns should be encouraged to take the lead in shaping how and where housing is built. That's why, several years ago, we asked local leaders to identify where and how they would support new or expanded housing opportunities. Some answered the call with ambition; others declined to act. That uneven response is part of what brought us to this point—but it also underscores why we must renew our focus on partnership and planning.

This bill establishes ambitious statewide housing goals—and I agree we need them. But I believe we can better achieve those goals through local engagement and providing towns the tools they need to do the job. I believe we should reward towns that take the lead: for example, by offering relief from 8-30g when municipalities adopt their own middle housing overlays or pre-zone near transit and downtown centers. That's why I appreciate the proposal in this bill to prioritize discretionary funding for communities that do the right thing.

In its current form, however, the bill imposes requirements that do not reflect the complexity or diversity of Connecticut's towns and cities. For example, it limits the ability of municipalities to manage parking requirements. While I agree that parking mandates have been used to discourage development, we cannot ignore that there are communities that need parking to support additional housing development. Parking requirements should be based on specific needs.

In addition, state-imposed housing goals for each municipality have clearly created a significant amount of anxiety. I believe that unit-based planning goals for communities is an important step forward. But those goals must reflect both ambition and flexibility, and they must be grounded in a renewed commitment to collaboration. The state should partner with municipalities to establish these targets, and then help the towns execute those plans, including through investment in infrastructure.

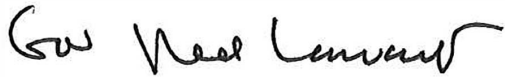
Therefore, I must respectfully veto House Bill 5002. However, doing nothing is not an option. Connecticut families, workers, and businesses are depending on us to act. But they are also counting on us to get it right. That is why I remain committed to working together with the General Assembly and all stakeholders to swiftly enact a stronger, more balanced, and more effective housing plan during a special session this summer.

In the months ahead, we have the opportunity to work together on a more collaborative approach—one that draws from the conversations around HB 5002 and makes clear that towns must lead in shaping how their communities grow. The state will support that leadership with strong incentives to opt in and the tools they need to succeed.

I am not simply vetoing this bill, nor will I abandon our path toward a solution. In consultation with legislative leadership, municipal officials, housing advocates, and nonprofit partners, I am proposing specific revisions to this legislation and will be calling for a special session as soon as possible devoted solely to housing.

I believe we can do better, and we must.

Sincerely,

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Ned Lamont

Governor





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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

June 23, 2025

The Honorable Stephanie Thomas

Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Article Fourth, Section 15 of the Connecticut Constitution, I am returning without my approval Senate Bill No. 8, *An Act Concerning Protections for Workers and Enhancements to Workers' Rights*.

Connecticut's workers are the backbone of our economy. I strongly support their right to organize, advocate for better conditions, and be treated with dignity and respect in the workplace. Throughout my tenure, I have taken meaningful steps to support labor and working families—from raising the minimum wage to passing one of the nation's strongest paid family and medical leave programs and expanding collective bargaining rights for state and municipal employees.

I am proud that I have signed into law legislation that protects workers who leave captive audience meetings from being disciplined or fired, proud that I have required labor peace agreements in the cannabis industry, proud that our Department of Transportation and Department of Administrative Services require Project-Labor Agreements on major construction projects.

My administration has consistently stood with workers in the fight for fair treatment, safer workplaces, and economic dignity. I appreciate the purpose of *Substitute Senate Bill No. 8* and the voices of working people who seek economic security during periods of labor dispute. This bill reflects a genuine concern for the hardships workers face when exercising their right to strike.

In a moment when the federal administration is doing everything in its power to make it harder for workers to have a voice on the job, states must step up to protect workers rights. I

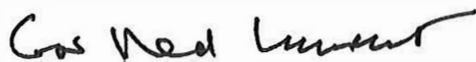
have heard from hundreds of workers about the difficulty in getting to that first contract or the limited tools even long-established unions have to fight back against employers who try to intimidate workers.

However, after careful review, I must respectfully decline to sign this bill into law. The Unemployment Trust Fund exists to provide support to individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own, and its long-term sustainability is critical. Extending benefits to individuals actively participating in labor disputes—even after a period of time—alters the fundamental purpose of the program. Additionally, the bill's staggered timelines and reliance on subjective determinations would create implementation challenges for the Department of Labor, potentially resulting in inconsistent administration and legal uncertainty for all parties involved.

This is an important issue that deserves further attention. I am committed to working with labor leaders and legislators to explore targeted reforms to give workers another tool to ensure more dignity on the job.

For these reasons, I must veto Senate Bill No. 8, *An Act Concerning Protections for Workers and Enhancements to Workers' Rights*.

Sincerely,

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Ned Lamont

Governor

