



State of Connecticut  
Office of Governor Ned Lamont

BILL NOTIFICATION 2025-17

July 8, 2025

Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2025 Regular Session on July 8:

SB 59 SA 25-17	AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN FOR BENEFICIAL USE DREDGING.
SB 1368 SA 25-18	AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.
SB 1544 SA 25-20	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON PRESETTLEMENT LEGAL FUNDING AND LOANS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANTICIPATED RECEIPT OF A WRONGFUL INCARCERATION AWARD.
HB 6250 SA 25-23	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEVELS OF STAFFING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION OFFICERS.
HB 7053 SA 25-24	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP UNIFORM STATUTORY DEFINITIONS OF "FIRST RESPONDER" AND "ESSENTIAL WORKER".
SB 1330 PA 25-118	AN ACT CONCERNING AN ACCIDENTAL FAILURE TO FILE AN ACTION.
SB 1290 PA 25-122	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY.
SB 1490 PA 25-123	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF BATTERY-POWERED SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE STATE.
HB 5013 PA 25-126	AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN PLANTS TO THE INVASIVE PLANTS LIST.
HB 5916 PA 25-127	AN ACT REQUIRING SOLAR DEVELOPERS TO PROVIDE FARMLAND RESTORATION BONDS FOR BOTH PETITION AND APPLICATION PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE SITING COUNCIL.
HB 6277 PA 25-129	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

HB 6433 PA 25-130	AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE INSURANCE.
HB 6435 PA 25-131	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL AND PROPERTY DAMAGE ARBITRATION PROCESS.
HB 6436 PA 25-132	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE STATUTES.
HB 7046 PA 25-135	AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO THE SECOND INJURY FUND.
HB 6930 PA 25-137	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SOCIAL EQUITY PLANS, STRATEGIC PLANNING, ETHICS, LICENSE RENEWAL FEES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.
HB 7231 PA 25-138	AN ACT AUTHORIZING SUNDAY HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS.
HB 7236 PA 25-139	AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.
HB 7267 PA 25-140	AN ACT CONCERNING THE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT.
HB 6970 PA 25-145	AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.
HB 7090 PA 25-147	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING AND SCOPE OF AUDITS BY THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.
SB 1187 PA 25-150	AN ACT CONCERNING FORECLOSURE, ASSIGNMENT AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS FOR UNPAID SEWER ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES.
SB 1358 PA 25-151	AN ACT CONCERNING INFLATIONARY RATE INCREASES FOR STATE-CONTRACTED NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS.
SB 1283 PA 25-153	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM COLLABORATIVE LAW ACT.
SB 1380 PA 25-154	AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE.

SB 1396 PA 25-155	AN ACT CONCERNING EARNED BUT UNPAID WAGE OR SALARY INCOME ADVANCES.
SB 1468 PA 25-156	AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY REGARDING AGENCY PURCHASE CARD USE.
SB 1542 PA 25-163	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HANDCUFFS ON YOUNG CHILDREN.
SB 1444 PA 25-164	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.
HB 7192 PA 25-167	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BIPARTISAN DRUG TASK FORCE.
	<i>The governor signed this bill, however he wrote a signing statement regarding its content. That letter can be found on page 4 of this document.</i>
HB 7170 PA 25-170	AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING AQUACULTURE AND MINOR REVISIONS TO PROGRAMS AND STATUTES RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
HB 7179 PA 25-171	AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACEUTICAL MARKETING AND PHARMACEUTICALS.
SB 1558 PA 25-172	AN ACT CONCERNING INCOME TAXES IMPOSED BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS ON RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

Governor Lamont vetoed the following legislation of the 2025 Regular Session on July 8:

HB 7004 PA 25-169	AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL REFERENDA TO CHALLENGE CERTAIN PERMIT APPROVALS.
	<i>The veto message can be found on page 5 of this document.</i>

As of this date, the governor has signed 198 bills; signed and line-item vetoed 2 bills; and vetoed 3 bills of the 2025 Regular Session.



**Ned Lamont**

GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**SIGNING STATEMENT**  
**PUBLIC ACT 25-167: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE**  
**BIPARTISAN DRUG TASK FORCE**

July 8, 2025

I am proud to sign House Bill 7192, which features several of my Administration's key proposals and represents a meaningful step forward in our ongoing efforts to make prescription drugs more affordable and accessible for all Connecticut residents.

I support, in particular, the bill's assurance that when consumers use prescription drug discount programs such as ArrayRx and GoodRx, those purchases will count toward their health plan deductibles and make it easier for families to get the medications they need at the lowest prices. In addition, I support the bill's commission of a feasibility study for the importation of safe, affordable prescription drugs from Canada. My Administration remains committed to promoting solutions that reduce prescription drug costs for all Connecticut residents.

The final bill also includes several reforms for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) that were the result of significant bipartisan collaboration and active community feedback that began last year and continued throughout the session.

Overall, the provisions in this law will have broad importance to public health and patient access to treatment. Section 22 directs the Commissioner of Social Services to petition the federal government under 28 U.S.C. § 1498 to authorize generic versions of GLP-1 drugs.

While well-intentioned, this provision may present an overreach of Section 1498, which was intended to provide a remedy for patent holders for when the federal government uses patented inventions for its own purposes. The Administration will work collaboratively with the industry, health care professionals and advocates to ensure that provision is implemented as appropriate under federal law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ned Lamont".

Ned Lamont  
Governor



**Ned Lamont**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**July 8, 2025**

**The Honorable Stephanie Thomas**

Secretary of the State  
State Capitol  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Thomas:

Pursuant to Article Fourth, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning without my signature House Bill 7004, *An Act Authorizing Municipal Referenda to Challenge Certain Permit Approvals*.

I appreciate the motivation behind this bill: to give residents in smaller municipalities a stronger role in environmental decisions that may affect their communities. Ensuring the public is heard in these processes is a priority I share. However, it's important to note that today's permitting process offers extensive opportunity for public engagement. I am concerned that the mechanism proposed in this bill—allowing a local referendum to reverse certain permit approvals or denials issued by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)—could have unintended consequences that weaken critical protections for environmental justice communities and create harmful uncertainty for our business community that could hamper investment in Connecticut.

All of DEEP's permitting processes offer opportunities for the public to submit comments and request hearings. In addition to those standard opportunities, CGS section 22a-20a requires applicants seeking to construct and operate certain types of facilities in environmental justice areas to do additional, robust community engagement before submitting an application. Moreover, regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (g) of that law will require careful consideration of cumulative impacts on public health and the environment in our state's environmental justice communities, including small municipalities. In 2023, the Connecticut General Assembly directed DEEP to craft these regulations to ensure that the most overburdened and vulnerable neighborhoods in our state are not left behind in decisions that shape their environmental and health future, while also ensuring that the regulated community has the tools it needs to take cumulative impacts into account at the beginning of its permitting process.

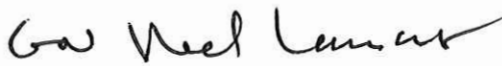


The bill will create uncertainty in an otherwise structured, science-based permitting process that businesses, municipalities, and residents alike rely on for predictability and fairness. The Department's process, both in its current state and after the adoption of environmental justice regulations, balances the important goal of enabling overburdened and vulnerable neighborhoods to participate in the permitting process, with the need for clear standards and a predictable process to support economic development. Predictability is critical for those seeking to do business in our state. Allowing permitting decisions to be overturned by referenda undermines the principles of objectivity embedded in our state permitting processes, will discourage important investments in infrastructure, and ultimately will drive up cost of living for residents

I am committed to strengthening the already significant public engagement opportunities in environmental decision-making and ensuring all voices are heard early and meaningfully. I believe we can work together to explore other avenues—such as earlier public notice and improved access to hearings—that empower residents while maintaining the integrity and equity of our environmental laws.

For these reasons, I must respectfully veto House Bill 7004. I look forward to continuing to partner with the General Assembly and our municipal leaders to find balanced solutions that uphold community input, environmental justice, and economic development.

Sincerely,



Ned Lamont  
Governor



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