



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DANNEL P. MALLOY  
GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

May 15, 2012

BILL NOTIFICATION  
RELEASE No. 7

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2012 Session, IN THE ORIGINAL, on May 14<sup>th</sup>:

SB 458

AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL REFORM  
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2012 Session on May 14<sup>th</sup>:

PA 12-15  
SB 71

AN ACT EXPANDING THE "ONE FREE ITEM" RETAIL SALES  
LAW  
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2012.

PA 12-16  
HB 5096

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE  
DATABANK  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-17  
HB 5021

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETITIVE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR  
PRICING AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PERMITTEES  
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 12-18  
HB 5057  
AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION  
OF MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION  
REQUIREMENTS  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-19  
HB 5094  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-20  
HB 5123  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF ANIMALS  
SEIZED IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-21  
HB 5124  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPEAL OF CERTAIN ANIMAL  
RESTRAINT ORDERS  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-22  
HB 5150  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM  
ADULT PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS JURISDICTION ACT  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-23  
HB 5182  
AN ACT CONCERNING A CHANGE REGARDING THE  
FINANCIAL SECURITY OF LOTTERY SALES AGENTS  
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2012.

PA 12-24  
HB 5225  
AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY DEPOSITS OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN PUBLIC  
HOUSING  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-25  
HB 5287  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR A PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT  
TO A CONSERVATORSHIP PROCEEDING OR A  
PROCEEDING CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF  
TREATMENT FOR A PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-26  
HB 5314  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE JEOPARDY COLLECTION OF  
TAXES  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012, and is applicable to  
assessment years commencing on or after said date.

- PA 12-27  
HB 5315  
AN ACT AUTHORIZING PLANNING COMMISSIONS TO NOTIFY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.
- PA 12-28  
HB 5329  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF TELEPHARMACY BY HOSPITALS  
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2012.
- PA 12-29  
HB 5364  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "NOTARIAL ACT"  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.
- PA 12-30  
HB 5516  
AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.
- PA 12-31  
HB 5030  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL EDUCATION CORE OF COURSES TO ALLOW FOR THE SEAMLESS TRANSFER AMONG PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2012.
- PA 12-32  
HB 5073  
AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CONNECTICUT'S MODEL ENTITY TRANSACTIONS ACT AND THE CONNECTICUT BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT  
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)
- PA 12-33  
HB 5312  
AN ACT CREATING A PROCESS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN WITH THE STATE  
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2012.
- PA 12-35  
HB 5346  
AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES AFFECTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.
- PA 12-36  
HB 5498  
AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE FUNERAL SERVICES STATUTES  
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 12-37  
HB 5515

AN ACT CONCERNING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2012.

PA 12-38  
SB 198

AN ACT CONCERNING DESECRATION OF WAR OR  
VETERANS' MEMORIALS  
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2012 Session on May 15<sup>th</sup>:

PA 12-34  
HB 5318

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISION OF MUNICIPAL  
CHARTERS  
This bill would have taken effect October 1, 2012. The  
Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto  
message.

As of this date, the Governor has signed thirty-nine (39) bills, and vetoed one (1) bill, of the 2012  
Legislative Session.



DANNEL P. MALLOY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Denise Merrill  
Secretary of the State  
30 Trinity Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am hereby returning without my signature substitute House Bill 5318, *An Act Concerning the Revision of Municipal Charters*. Last year I vetoed an essentially identical bill, HB 6410, and my views have not changed. I continue to disapprove of this concept, because it unnecessarily restricts the independence and authority of charter review commissions.

Under this proposed law, beginning in October, municipal legislative bodies could restrict the scope of authority now vested in charter revision commissions in substantial ways. Specifically, it would remove the authority now vested in a charter revision commission to consider all aspects of a charter in discharging its obligations.

Municipal charters form the fundamental framework of local government. The decision of local legislative bodies about whether to amend a charter is a significant one. Once that decision is made, the members of the charter revision commission are charged with the responsibility of researching, analyzing and proposing any amendments to the charter they deem necessary. This legislation unnecessarily limits the ability of such commissions to thoroughly do their jobs. It could easily lead to situations where changes in one section of a charter are amended, but an interrelated section of the charter is considered off limits because of the narrow authority given to the commission by the legislative body. Such an inability to make corresponding changes in related sections of a charter could yield unworkable or incongruous results.

I am also concerned about the possibility that this bill could be used by a political party that has dominant control of the municipality's legislative body to target particular items in a charter that are disfavored by that majority, but which are favored by the minority. While such opportunism would hopefully be rare, it is a real risk and one that concerns me, regardless of which political party is in the majority.

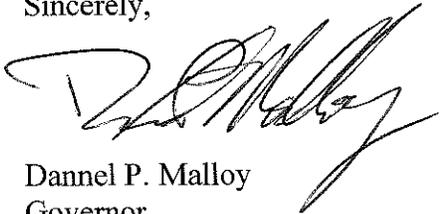
While many of the practical challenges that may arise under municipal charters are well known to the members of a local legislative body, others in local government have important insights

and understandings of those charters as well. Under this legislation, mayors and first selectmen and other elected officials who are not members of the local legislative body would have no practical opportunity to advance independent proposals for consideration by the commission. As a former mayor for 14 years, I know well that chief elected officials have intimate understandings of charter obligations and limitations, and it seems to serve no logical purpose to forestall the ability of those officials to participate fully in the charter revision process.

Finally, this legislation undermines the rights of citizens and citizen groups generally to participate in the charter revision process. Great ideas for charter amendments can come from all quarters, and should not be forestalled if they did not originate with the local legislative body. Groups like the League of Women Voters, or even just active individuals in a community who are keen observers of government, should be allowed to contribute their ideas and suggestions openly before a charter revision commission. Unfortunately, that door might be shut to such citizen involvement under this bill.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 5318, *An Act Concerning the Revision of Municipal Charters*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 5318 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Malloy", written in a cursive style.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor