



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DANNEL P. MALLOY
GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

July 10, 2017

BILL NOTIFICATION
RELEASE No. 16

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2017 Regular Session on July 10:

- HB 7046 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN BUILDING PERMITS.
PA 17-176 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7060 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF
PA 17-177 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 7091 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION
PA 17-178 SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE
PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR REGULATED PROFESSIONALS.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7090 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION
PA 17-179 SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TRANSFER OF A PATIENT UNDER
THE JURISDICTION OF THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD FOR
TREATMENT OR RECOVERY.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7093 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS
PA 17-180 AND TRAINING COUNCIL.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 6907 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERSTATE PASSENGER CARRIER LAW.
PA 17-181 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 6941 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL GRANT PORTAL.
PA 17-183 This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 7066 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE POULTRY DEALER LICENSING
PA 17-184 STATUTE, REGISTRATION OF POULTRY FLOCKS AND THE LABELING OF FARM
STAND EGGS.
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).

- HB 6999 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE USE OF
PA 17-185 THERAPY DOGS TO COMFORT AND SUPPORT TESTIFYING WITNESSES IN
CERTAIN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7024 AN ACT REGULATING THE OFFER AND DISSEMINATION OF TRAVEL
PA 17-187 INSURANCE.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7049 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
PA 17-188 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
STATUTES.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7100 AN ACT CONCERNING AMERICAN LEGION STATE FUND COMMISSION
PA 17-189 TRANSPARENCY AND MUNICIPAL OPTION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR
CERTAIN VETERANS.
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7112 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS.
PA 17-190 This bill shall take effect July 1, 2018.
- HB 7146 AN ACT REQUIRING A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES
PA 17-193 BEFORE ASSETS SEIZED IN A LAWFUL ARREST OR LAWFUL SEARCH MAY BE
FORFEITED IN A CIVIL PROCEEDING.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7171 AN ACT CONCERNING ATHLETIC TRAINERS.
PA 17-195 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7179 AN ACT CONCERNING TERMINATION OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS BY CERTAIN
PA 17-197 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ORDERED INTO ACTIVE STATE SERVICE.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7185 AN ACT EXEMPTING LEASED MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FROM TAXATION.
PA 17-199 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7207 AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2016.
PA 17-200 This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7208 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN
PA 17-201 ENERGY PROGRAM.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- SB 796 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST
PA 17-202 LANGUAGE.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.

- SB 807 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND
PA 17-203 TAXICABS.
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- SB 1002 AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS AND STATE SYMBOLS.
PA 17-204 This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- SB 1022 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ENHANCED
PA 17-205 COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 6948 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LARGE ENTERTAINMENT
PA 17-209 VENUES, THE REGULATION OF SPORTS WAGERING AND THE NUMBER OF OFF-
TRACK BETTING BRANCH FACILITIES.
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 6997 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AFFECTED BY
PA 17-210 PRENATAL DRUG OR ALCOHOL EXPOSURE.
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 7225 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO COMMERCE-
PA 17-212 RELATED STATUTES.
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 7256 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES
PA 17-216 AND THE REPORTING OF THE DEATH OF ANY PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7262 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT
PA 17-217 SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO VICTIM NOTIFICATION.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- SB 943 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN SOLAR FACILITIES ON
PA 17-218 PRODUCTIVE FARMLANDS, INCENTIVES FOR THE USE OF ANAEROBIC
DIGESTERS BY AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMER HOSTS, APPLICATIONS
CONCERNING THE USE OF KELP IN CERTAIN BIOFUELS AND THE PERMITTING
OF WASTE CONVERSION FACILITIES.
This bill shall take effect July 1, 2017.
- HB 7291 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CELL SITE SIMULATOR DEVICES BY LAW
PA 17-221 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT CELLULAR TELEPHONE
SURVEILLANCE.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7304 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER EXTORTION BY USE OF RANSOMWARE.
PA 17-223 This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.
- HB 7305 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL
PA 17-224 STATUTES.
This bill shall take effect October 1, 2017.

- HB 7308 AN ACT CONCERNING CAMERA AND RECORDING DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT
PA 17-225 USED BY POLICE.
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- HB 7271 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
PA 17-237 SYSTEM AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY.
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
- SB 445 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS BETWEEN A PHARMACY AND A PHARMACY
PA 17-241 BENEFITS MANAGER, THE BIDIRECTIONAL EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC
HEALTH RECORDS AND THE CHARGING OF FACILITY FEES BY A HOSPITAL OR
HEALTH SYSTEM.
This bill has various effective dates. Read the text [here](#).
***While Governor Malloy signed this bill, he wrote a letter to the members of the General Assembly regarding its content. Scroll down to view that letter.*
- HB 6749 AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP ON A PUBLIC-PRIVATE MARKETING
SA 17-18 PARTNERSHIP TO RECRUIT BUSINESSES TO CONNECTICUT.
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 6603 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CERTAIN TENANTS OF STATE-FUNDED
SA 17-19 PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- SB 959 AN ACT CONCERNING AN INVENTORY OF THE STATE'S BIOSCIENCE
SA 17-20 EDUCATION PIPELINE.
This bill shall take effect from passage.
- HB 6155 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE LICENSURE AND
SA 17-21 CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT COMMUNITY PROVIDERS.
This bill shall take effect from passage.

As of this date, the Governor has signed two hundred thirty five (235) bills and vetoed three (3) bills of the 2017 Legislative Session.



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

July 10, 2017

Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut General Assembly:

Today I am signing Senate Bill 445, *An Act Concerning Contracts Between a Pharmacy and a Pharmacy Benefits Manager, the Bidirectional Exchange of Electronic Health Records and the Charging of Facility Fees by a Hospital or Health System*. Thank you for taking action on this important bill, which, among other things, prohibits the practice of requiring individuals to pay more for covered prescriptions than they would have otherwise paid if they bought the drug without using an insurance plan. These types of consumer protections are policies that my administration, including the Insurance Department, are very supportive of establishing.

Although I am supportive of the policy behind this legislation, I feel the legislation would have been stronger if the recommendations of both my administration and the Insurance Commissioner had been incorporated. Section 1 of the bill merely *permits* the Insurance Commissioner to enforce this new statute, rather than *requiring* her to do so. While I am confident it will be a priority of the current Commissioner to take appropriate enforcement actions on this matter, I cannot make the same assertion with respect to the priorities of future administrations.

Section 1 also states that violations of this statute fall under the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA), and therefore provides the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) with the enforcement authority. Undertaking enforcement action under this new law requires resources and subject matter expertise that DCP lacks, which they conveyed repeatedly to policymakers during the legislative session. The Connecticut Insurance Department (CID), on the other hand, has both regulatory authority over insurance carriers, including carriers that use Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBMs), and existing enforcement authority over those carriers. Extending CID's authority to regulate PBMs and to enforce this new law under their existing authority, as CID proposed in suggested language, would have put all regulation and enforcement of this new law under the appropriate department, and would have provided some much needed clarity for carriers and consumers alike.

In addition to my substantive policy concerns, I have concerns about the manner in which this policy was developed. Subject matter experts within my administration contributed thoughtful workable suggestions throughout the legislative process, as is the standard for developing good public policy. I am dismayed that the suggestions were ignored because, as we all know, an isolated process that occurs behind closed doors with cherry picked input rarely results in good

policy. I would be remiss if I did not caution that such a process will not always have a happy ending, and I urge the proponents to open their doors to a variety of perspectives.

I am further frustrated that an unwarranted and unfounded political attack was directed at my administration. We are all on the side of protecting consumers and this political stunt had no place in the development of this legislation.

In conclusion, I am signing this legislation today because I believe in the real consumer protections established in SB 445, despite the process that was undertaken. I hope that in the future we can work together to create an environment in this state that protects consumers and respects how both businesses and the regulatory framework operates.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor