



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DANNEL P. MALLOY
GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

May 30, 2014

BILL NOTIFICATION
RELEASE No. 9

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on May 28th:

PA 14-23
SB 92

AN ACT PERMITTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT TO PURCHASE CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES USING EXISTING CONTRACTS. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-34
HB 5125

AN ACT LIMITING ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING PROBATION OFFICERS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-35
HB 5131

AN ACT TRANSFERRING CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING. This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-36
HB 5149

AN ACT CONCERNING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION. This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-37
HB 5338

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF RECORDS AND REPORTS OF CERTAIN EXPERT WITNESSES AS BUSINESS ENTRIES. This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014, and applicable to all actions pending on or filed on or after said date.

PA 14-38
HB 5559 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNIFORM REGIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR TASK FORCE, LICENSURE EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-39
HB 5562 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CONCERNING DYSLEXIA AND SPECIAL EDUCATION. This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-40
HB 5578 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH INSURANCE GRIEVANCE PROCESS FOR ADVERSE DETERMINATIONS. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-41
SB 25 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT SMART START PROGRAM. This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-42
SB 64 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COMMISSION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STATUTES. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-43
SB 314 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HERITAGE PARKS ADVISORY BOARDS. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-44
SB 318 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PREVAILING WAGE NOTICES, INFORMATION AND RECORDS. This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

PA 14-45
SB 363 AN ACT TRANSFERRING FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-46
SB 364 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE STATUTE. This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-48
SB 83 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL NOTICE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMIT RENEWALS.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-49
SB 112 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-50
SB 267 AN ACT CONCERNING SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-51
SB 299 AN ACT CONCERNING HEATING FUEL DELIVERY FEES, CHARGES AND SURCHARGES AND PREPAID GUARANTEED HEATING FUEL PRICE PLANS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-52
SB 205 AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER AND APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY DEFINITIONS AND STATUTES.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-53
SB 209 AN ACT PROHIBITING UNSOLICITED COMMERCIAL TEXT MESSAGES AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE DO NOT CALL REGISTRY.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-54
HB 5044 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOMESTICATED HORSES, PONIES, DONKEYS AND MULES.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-55
HB 5051 AN ACT IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY OF NURSING HOME OPERATIONS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-57
HB 5309 AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED VESSELS.
This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

PA 14-59
HB 5375 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE REEMPLOYMENT OF OLDER WORKERS CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-60
HB 5471 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND MINOR CHANGES TO TAXATION AND RELATED STATUTES.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-61
HB 5487 AN ACT PROVIDING IMMUNITY TO A PERSON WHO ADMINISTERS AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO ANOTHER PERSON EXPERIENCING AN OPIOID-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-62
HB 5378 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MEDICAID-FUNDED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-63
HB 5459 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR VESSELS ACT.
This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

PA 14-64
HB 5023 AN ACT CONCERNING PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-66
HB 5113 AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH ATHLETICS AND CONCUSSIONS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-67
HB 5219 AN ACT CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-68
SB 34 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-69
SB 232 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURING REINVESTMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

SA 14-4
HB 5472 AN ACT CONCERNING FAILURE TO FILE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

SA 14-5
SB 413 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

- SA 14-6
HB 5222 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
- SA 14-7
HB 5371 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY ON ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FOR INSURED YOUTH AS THEY RELATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
- SA 14-8
HB 5374 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AS THEY RELATE TO PREPARATION OF YOUTHS AGING OUT OF STATE CARE. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
- SA 14-10
SB 37 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS IN THE TOWN OF SPRAGUE. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on May 29th:

- PA 14-33
HB 5057 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF HORSES AND PONIES AND FARM MACHINERY AND THE TRANSFER OF LAND CLASSIFIED AS FARM LAND, OPEN SPACE LAND, FOREST LAND AND MARINE HERITAGE LAND. This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.
- PA 14-47
HB 5596 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015. This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on May 29th:

PA 14-58
HB 5373

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN DATA BY MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

This bill would have had various effective dates. The Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on May 30th:

PA 14-190
HB 5417

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEASON FOR THE TAKING OF GLASS EELS.

This bill would have taken effect January 1, 2016. The Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.

As of this date, the Governor has signed seventy seven (77) bills and vetoed two (2) bills of the 2014 Legislative Session.



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 29, 2014

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute House Bill 5373, *An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the Reporting of Certain Data by Managed Care Organizations and Health Insurance Companies to the Insurance Department.*

I support the objective of this bill, which is to increase the amount of information available to policymakers and citizens concerning substance use and the accessibility and availability of substance abuse treatment and coverage in Connecticut. While the objective is laudable, for the reasons stated below, I am not comfortable signing this bill into law. As the effective date of the Act is January, 2016, I believe that there will be an opportunity for stakeholders, the executive branch, the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, and others, to work together to pursue this bill's laudable objective in the next legislative session.

First, I am concerned that the data required by subdivisions (7) through (9) of Section 1 of this bill could provide an inaccurate picture on the accessibility and availability of substance use treatment in the state. Subdivisions (7) through (9) require Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to report on the number of covered individuals receiving substance use treatment and average length and expense of treatment in addition to the number of in-network providers and facilities that treat substance use disorders and information related to the number of providers and facilities that have been accepted or left the MCOs network. The data can only be accurate if a provider reports a patient as being treated for substance use. I am persuaded that, perhaps due to stigma or other reasons, there may be a significant number of people who seek substance use treatment but are reported to carriers as being treated for other issues such as depression, anxiety, or other mental health issues.

Second, there is ambiguity in the reporting requirements, which could lead to different carriers reporting information differently about essentially the same service. This information will then be published by the Insurance Department in the Annual Consumer Report Card on Health

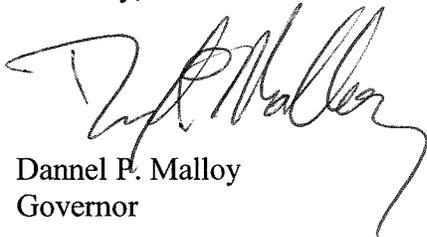
Insurance, which could lead to consumer confusion and misconceptions about the level of substance use treatment available from each provider. The Consumer Report Card is intended to inform consumers about the availability of medical and surgical care within provider networks generally. I am concerned that if the report includes a substantial amount of potentially incomplete or misleading information on substance use treatment, the Report Card risks losing the valuable consumer education function it was intended to serve.

Third, Subparagraphs (10) and (11) of Section 1 require MCOs to provide an annual report “explaining factors that may be negatively impacting covered individuals’ access to treatment of substance use disorders, including... screening procedures, the supply state-wide of certain categories of health care providers, health care provider capacity limitations and provider reimbursement rates,” while section (11) requires reporting on “[p]lans and ongoing or completed activities” to address the factors identified in subdivision (10). It is unusual to require, by statute, that private sector entities opine on matters of public policy or report on activities to achieve public policy objectives. I am concerned by the precedent such a requirement would set.

Finally, as highlighted by the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange (the “Exchange”), the Exchange has significant concerns about the ability of the Exchange’s All-Payer Claims Database to assist MCOs in complying with the reporting requirements described above. Specifically, the Exchange has noted that the database was not and is not intended to track the information sought in this bill and further, that the preparation and provision of the required report is outside the scope of the federal grant received to fund the All-Payer Claims Database.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 5373, *An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the Reporting of Certain Data by Managed Care Organizations and Health Insurance Companies to the Insurance Department*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 5373 without my signature.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 30, 2014

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute House Bill 5417, *An Act Establishing a Season for the Taking of Glass Eels*. This bill removes our state's statutory restriction on the taking of elver and glass eels from Connecticut waters, and gives the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection the authority to establish harvest restrictions and a permit system for the taking of these creatures.

Elver and glass eels are the early life stages of the American eel. A review is currently being undertaken by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to determine whether American eels are a threatened species. Accordingly, any bill which takes a step towards allowing these creatures to be taken from the waters of our state is premature. Protecting vulnerable species is of the utmost importance. Until and unless it is determined that the American eel will not be on the brink of extinction in the near future, I cannot approve a bill that would prematurely move towards lifting our state restriction on fishing for the young life stages of this species.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 5417, *An Act Establishing a Season for the Taking of Glass Eels*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 5417 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy".

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor