



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DANNEL P. MALLOY
GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

June 9, 2014

BILL NOTIFICATION
RELEASE No. 11

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on June 6th:

PA 14-90
SB 475

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-91
SB 19

AN ACT ESTABLISHING UNIFORM STATE ACADEMIC DEGREE STANDARDS.

This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-92
SB 66

AN ACT CONCERNING OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES.

This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-93
SB 229

AN ACT CONCERNING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION.

This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-94
SB 357

AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S RECYCLING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, THE UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND REVISIONS TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES.

This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-95
HB 5229

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF A SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOME PILOT PROGRAM.

This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-97
SB 10 AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR BREAST
ULTRASOUND SCREENINGS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
SERVICES.
This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

PA 14-99
SB 45 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES AND THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-100
SB 72 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR THE GROWING OF
RUNNING BAMBOO.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's
signature.

PA 14-101
SB 114 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM TO
ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC
AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's
signature.

PA 14-102
SB 115 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF SPECIAL
TAXING DISTRICTS CREATED BY SPECIAL ACT.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-103
SB 154 AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-104
SB 155 AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURTS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-105
SB 176 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF MEDICARE
SUPPLEMENT POLICIES BY QUALIFIED MEDICARE
BENEFICIARIES.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-106
SB 182 AN ACT CONFORMING PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION
PURCHASING STATUTES WITH DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PURCHASING STATUTES AND
PRACTICE.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-107
SB 194 AN ACT CONCERNING RISK MANAGEMENT AND OWN RISK
AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENTS FOR DOMESTIC INSURERS.
This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

PA 14-108
SB 201 AN ACT CONCERNING CANCELLATION NOTICES OF
INDIVIDUAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES.
This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

PA 14-109
SB 221 AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT CHECKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-110
SB 262 AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PRETRIAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-111
SB 269 AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMIT FOR MULTIPLE EVENTS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-112
SB 271 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE AND TO RECEIVE DONATIONS OF REAL PROPERTY.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-113
SB 281 AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-114
SB 293 AN ACT CONCERNING CLUBS OPERATED BY NATIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-115
SB 322 AN ACT CONNECTING THE PUBLIC TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-116
SB 324 AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND AGING PROGRAMS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-117
SB 330 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-118
SB 394 AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURERS' USE OF STEP THERAPY.
This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

PA 14-119
SB 418 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING MEDICAL SPAS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-120 SB 456	AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE CONNECTICUT CODE OF EVIDENCE BY THE SUPREME COURT. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
PA 14-121 SB 463	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR FOR A PERSON WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY. This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.
PA 14-122 SB 493	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES. This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.
PA 14-123 HB 5053	AN ACT STRENGTHENING CONNECTICUT'S INSURANCE INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
PA 14-124 HB 5140	AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST. This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after said date.
PA 14-126 HB 5258	AN ACT CONCERNING BAKERIES, FOOD MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOOD WAREHOUSES. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
PA 14-127 HB 5263	AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES. This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.
PA 14-128 HB 5269	AN ACT CREATING PARITY BETWEEN PAID SICK LEAVE BENEFITS AND OTHER EMPLOYER-PROVIDED BENEFITS. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2015.
PA 14-129 HB 5273	AN ACT RESTORING THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DUTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY CAN BE USED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
PA 14-130 HB 5290	AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS. This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.
PA 14-131 HB 5299	AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINDINGS OF THE MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY TASK FORCE. This bill has various effective dates. Refer to text of bill.

PA 14-132
HB 5323 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-133
HB 5144 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND PARENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ADOPTED PERSONS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-134
HB 5115 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO AND REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY STATUTES.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-135
HB 5099 AN ACT CONCERNING CATERER, BREW PUB MANUFACTURER AND BEER AND BREW PUB MANUFACTURER ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-136
HB 5117 AN ACT CONCERNING A CLEAN ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-137
HB 5150 AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-138
HB 5145 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES' STATUTES.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-139
HB 5056 AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES, REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND TAX EXEMPTIONS AND CONCERNING GROWTH-RELATED PROJECTS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-140
HB 5305 AN ACT CONCERNING CADMIUM LEVELS IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.

PA 14-141
HB 5294 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF VETERANS TO HOSPITALS AND THE APPLICATION OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING TO STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-142
HB 5325 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE HOME-CARE COST CAP.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-143
HB 5328 AN ACT CONCERNING ADVISORY AND PLANNING COUNCILS
FOR STATE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGIONS, A
CHANGE IN TERMINOLOGY AND THE AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-144
HB 5336 AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC
LIQUOR BY MINORS.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's
signature.

PA 14-145
HB 5337 AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED AT HOSPITAL-BASED FACILITIES.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-146
HB 5339 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS
AND THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's
signature.

PA 14-147
HB 5341 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PERSON
CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL VIOLATION OF A STANDING
CRIMINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER AS A PERSISTENT
OFFENDER.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-148
HB 5386 AN ACT CONCERNING CARE COORDINATION FOR CHRONIC
DISEASE.
This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

PA 14-149
HB 5389 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEFENSE
WEAPONS BY POLICE OFFICERS.
This bill has various effective dates. [Refer to text of bill.](#)

PA 14-150
HB 5402 AN ACT CONCERNING WAIVERS FOR MEDICAID-FINANCED,
HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

PA 14-151
HB 5408 AN ACT CONCERNING TREE TRIMMING.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's
signature.

PA 14-152
HB 5410 AN ACT CONCERNING LOST AND UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's
signature.

- PA 14-153
HB 5418 AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL LIABILITY FOR THE CLEAN-UP OF CERTAIN HAZARDOUS WASTE.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
- SA 14-9
HB 5484 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
- SA 14-11
HB 5361 AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR PARTICIPATION IN A STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT REGARDING DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
- SA 14-13
HB 5359 AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE CATHERINE VIOLET HUBBARD FOUNDATION, INC.
This bill became effective upon receiving the Governor's signature.
- SA 14-15
HB 5321 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETER QUALIFICATIONS.
This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2014 Regular Session on June 6th.

- PA 14-96
HB 5348 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY VALUES WHEN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR A CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM.
This bill would have taken effect October 1, 2014. The Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.
- PA 14-125
HB 5220 AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB.
This bill would have taken effect October 1, 2014. The Governor vetoed the bill. Scroll down to read the veto message.

As of this date, the Governor has signed one hundred and sixty five (165) bills and vetoed four (4) bills of the 2014 Legislative Session.



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

June 6, 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 5348, *An Act Concerning the Consideration of Property Values When Determining Eligibility for a Certain Property Tax Relief Program*.

This bill allows municipalities to limit eligibility for the Elderly Circuit Breaker Tax Relief Program. In municipalities that enact such an ordinance, the bill will result in an increased property tax bill for elderly and disabled individuals with low annual income, but with equity in their home. I have reservations about the policy of this bill, particularly since the state currently reimburses towns at a nearly 90% rate for the property tax loss associated with this program.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 5348, *An Act Concerning the Consideration of Property Values When Determining Eligibility for a Certain Property Tax Relief Program*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 5348 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

June 6, 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 5220, An Act Concerning a Property Owner's Liability for the Expenses of Removing a Fallen Tree or Limb. This legislation attempts to address a legitimate issue and I would be happy to work with proponents of the bill in the next legislative session. However, I am concerned that the bill, as drafted, could lead to the unnecessary removal of healthy trees.

Under this bill, a tree owner would be liable for the costs of removal of a tree that falls onto a neighbor's private property if (1) that neighbor had previously notified the tree owner that the tree or branch was diseased or likely to fall, and (2) the tree owner failed to remove or prune the tree or branch within thirty calendar days after receiving that notice.

I am concerned that this bill is weighted too heavily in favor of neighbors who want branches and trees taken down and provides no avenue for a tree owner to contest a neighbor's assertion that their tree or branch is "likely to fall." Without such a provision, there is a strong possibility that tree owners will feel compelled to remove a tree upon merely receiving a letter from a neighbor, even when the tree may in fact be healthy.

It is also worth noting that, under current law, property owners have the right to cut branches or limbs extending across their property line, and property owners can and should exercise that right where a tree limb may be diseased or likely to fall. The bill, as drafted, would allow property owners to shift the burden of caring for the trees exclusively onto the shoulders of the property owner on whose property the tree trunk is located.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 5220, An Act Concerning a Property Owner's Liability for the Expenses of Removing a Fallen Tree or Limb. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 5220 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Malloy", written over a white background.

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor