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CT - HB5019 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OFFERING OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AT HOTELS, MOTELS OR SIMILAR LODGINGS AT AN HOURLY RATE AND REQUIRING THAT USERS OF SUCH PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION PROVIDE THE OPERATOR WITH POSITIVE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Christine Conley \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To protect victims of sex trafficking and enhance the ability of law enforcement personnel to apprehend and prosecute individuals who promote sex trafficking.

CT - HB5158 AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Christine Conley \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Labor and Public Employees \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To specify certain parameters for a room or other location in the workplace that accommodates employee breastfeeding.

Actions:

February 4, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/09

February 3, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

February 2, 2021

- Drafted by Committee

January 21, 2021

- Vote to Draft

CT - HB5190 AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING IN THE WORKPLACE.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Holly H. Cheeseman \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To reduce duplicative sexual harassment training requirements for certain employees.

CT - HB5377 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF COVID-19 RELATED LAYOFFS FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXPERIENCE ACCOUNT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Christine Conley \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Labor and Public Employees \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To provide relief to businesses as a result of Covid-19 related losses.

Actions:

February 11, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/18

February 4, 2021

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

January 22, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - HB5557 AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jillian Gilchrest \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To enact the recommendations of the Trafficking in Persons Council to prevent and address human trafficking.

Actions:

January 26, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

CT - HB5561 AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Cindy Harrison \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To delay the implementation of the Paid Family and Medical Leave program for one year.

Actions:

January 26, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - HB5562 AN ACT CONCERNING OUTDOOR DINING AND COVID-19.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Rutigliano \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To permit outdoor dining consistent with the provisions of Executive Order Number 7MM for the duration of the public health emergency relating to COVID-19.

Actions:

January 26, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development

CT - HB5615 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRIES.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jason Rojas \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To encourage visitors to state attractions and restaurants.

Actions:

February 5, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/11

February 4, 2021

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

January 27, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

CT - HB5702 AN ACT DELAYING SCHEDULED INCREASES IN THE MINIMUM WAGE.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Cindy Harrison \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To delay scheduled increases in the minimum wage.

Actions:

January 27, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - HB5761 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Dave W. Yaccarino \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To establish a regulatory sandbox program, which allows a person to temporarily test an innovative product or service on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed or authorized to act by the laws of this state.

Actions:

February 11, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/16

February 10, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

February 9, 2021

- Drafted by Committee

February 4, 2021

- Vote to Draft

January 28, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

CT - HB5823 AN ACT CONCERNING ECO-TOURISM IN CONNECTICUT.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Michel \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To understand the ecological and economic impact of eco-tourism in Connecticut.

Actions:

January 28, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Environment

CT - HB5930 AN ACT PROMOTING DIVERSITY ON CORPORATE BOARDS.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kate Farrar \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To advance the goal of having equitable and diverse representation on corporate boards of any corporation with a principal place of business in this state.

Actions:

January 28, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

CT - HB5948 AN ACT UPDATING AND REFORMING THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Rutigliano \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To update and reform the Unemployment Trust Fund.

Actions:

January 28, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - HB5954 AN ACT CONTINUING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EXPERIENCE RATE COMPONENT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Vincent J. Candelora \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Labor and Public Employees \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To prevent our state's job creators from being penalized for layoffs that were required by state mandate or otherwise made necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions:

February 11, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/18

February 4, 2021

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

January 28, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - HB6119 AN ACT CONCERNING ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM FUNDING.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative John-Michael Parker \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: LOB - Zoom and YouTube Live

Summary:

To strengthen the arts, culture, and tourism sector in Connecticut by directing additional funds into the Tourism Fund, renaming the fund to better represent the full scope of the sector and ensuring equitable funding among arts, culture, and tourism initiatives.

Actions:

February 18, 2021

- Vote to Draft

February 5, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/11

February 4, 2021

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

January 29, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

CT - HB6181 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jason Doucette \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To increase, for the first one million dollars of income subject to the affected business entity tax, the amount of the credit under section 12-699 of the general statutes to ninety-three and one-hundredths per cent.

Actions:

January 29, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

CT - HB6358 AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO EMPLOY PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER OR INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Primary Sponsor: [Representative John K. Hampton \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To require businesses receiving financial assistance from the Department of Economic and Community Development to make good faith efforts to employ persons with autism spectrum disorder or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Actions:

February 3, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

CT - HB6380 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF SALARY RANGE FOR A VACANT POSITION.

Primary Sponsor: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Summary:

To require employers to disclose salary ranges for vacant positions and to provide comparable pay for comparable work.

Actions:

February 4, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/09

February 3, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - SB3 AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, WORKER PROTECTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS REVITALIZATION.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Martin M. Looney \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To grow the economy by supporting diverse economic opportunities, worker protections and small business revitalization.

Actions:

February 2, 2021

- Vote to Draft

CT - SB22 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Saud Anwar \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To: (1) Establish the ConnectHealth Program, the ConnectHealth Trust Account and the ConnectHealth Advisory Board; (2) require the Comptroller, in consultation with the ConnectHealth Advisory Board and the Office of Health Strategy, to establish the ConnectHealth Plan; (3) authorize the Comptroller to offer coverage to plan participants and beneficiaries in this state under a multiemployer plan, nonprofit employers and their employees, and small employers and their employees; and (4) require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek to amend the federal waiver for the state-wide dental plan that provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the department's medical assistance to expand coverage to include additional individuals in this state.

CT - SB212 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-OPERATED REINSURANCE PROGRAM AND REQUIRING THAT THIS STATE APPLY FOR A STATE INNOVATION WAIVER.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Kevin C. Kelly \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To establish a state-operated reinsurance program and require this state to apply for a state innovation waiver to fund such program.

Actions:

January 22, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

CT - SB364 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL INJURIES.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Catherine A. Osten \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To allow all workers coverage for post traumatic stress and other mental or emotional injuries.

Actions:

January 26, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - SB365 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL INJURIES THAT DO NOT ARISE OUT OF PHYSICAL INJURIES OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Catherine A. Osten \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To allow all workers coverage for post traumatic stress and other mental or emotional injuries.

Actions:

January 26, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - SB430 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Catherine A. Osten \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To allow two or more municipalities in any regional tourism district to jointly appoint one representative to the regional tourism district boards of directors.

Actions:

February 18, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

February 17, 2021

- Drafted by Committee

February 4, 2021

- Vote to Draft

January 27, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

CT - SB518 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OFFERING OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AT HOTELS, MOTELS OR SIMILAR LODGINGS AT AN HOURLY RATE AND REQUIRING THAT USERS OF SUCH PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION PROVIDE THE OPERATOR WITH POSITIVE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Catherine A. Osten \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To protect victims of sex trafficking and enhance the ability of law enforcement personnel to apprehend and prosecute individuals who promote sex trafficking.

Actions:

January 27, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

CT - SB624 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT TOURISM COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Heather S. Somers \(R\)](#)

Committee: [Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing:

[Commerce \(Joint\)](#)

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: LOB - Zoom and YouTube Live

Summary:

To require that a representative of the Connecticut Tourism Coalition be a member of the Connecticut Tourism Council.

Actions:

February 18, 2021

- Vote to Draft

February 5, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/11

February 4, 2021

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

January 28, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

CT - SB668 AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Martin M. Looney \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Labor and Public Employees \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To prohibit on-call shift scheduling.

Actions:

February 11, 2021

- Public Hearing 02/18

February 4, 2021

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

January 28, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

CT - SB821 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REFORMATION OF CERTAIN TAXES AND TAX EQUITY.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Mary Daugherty Abrams \(D\)](#)

Committee: [Finance, Revenue and Bonding \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To reform certain taxes to reduce taxes for middle-class families and enable investments in education, housing, health care and long-term care services, and to require the Labor Commissioner to make a one-time direct payment of five hundred dollars to individuals who experienced economic hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic and received unemployment compensation benefits between March 15, 2020, and December 31, 2020, inclusive.

Actions:

February 17, 2021

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

February 3, 2021

- Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding