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# **Connecticut Lodging Association**

**Weekly Report**

**March 12, 2021**

**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.

Actions:

**January 8, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

**CT - HB5125 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR ENTITIES THAT HAVE OPERATED PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Craig C. Fishbein \(R\)](#)

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

Summary:

To provide immunity from civil liability to entities that have operated pursuant to health and safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions:

**March 11, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/15

**March 10, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

**March 9, 2021**

- Drafted by Committee

**January 20, 2021**

- Vote to Draft

**January 12, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

**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:

**March 9, 2021**

- File Number 17
- House Calendar Number 47
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 3, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/08/21 5:00 PM

**February 24, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

**February 18, 2021**

- Joint Favorable

**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

**January 13, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**[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.

Actions:

**January 15, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

**[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 25, 2021**

- Vote to Draft

**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 \(Joint\)](#)

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

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

Summary:

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

Actions:

**March 9, 2021**

- File Number 26
- House Calendar Number 56
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House



- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 3, 2021**

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**February 18, 2021**

- Joint Favorable

**February 4, 2021**

- Public Hearing 02/09

**February 3, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**[CT - HB6595 AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING ISSUES.](#)**

Primary Sponsor: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Summary:

To address labor matters related to COVID-19, personal protective equipment and other staffing issues.

Actions:

**March 5, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/11

**March 4, 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:

**March 12, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/18

**March 10, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

**March 9, 2021**

- Drafted by Committee

**February 2, 2021**

- Vote to Draft

**January 8, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

**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.

Actions:

**January 8, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

**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:

**March 5, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/09

**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 \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

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

Actions:

**March 2, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

**March 1, 2021**

- Drafted by Committee

**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 25, 2021**

- Vote to Draft

**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:

**March 11, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/15

**February 17, 2021**

- Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

**February 3, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

**[CT - SB1002 AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING MATTERS.](#)**

Primary Sponsor: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Summary:

To address labor issues related to COVID-19, personal protective equipment and other staffing matters.

Actions:

**March 5, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/11

**March 4, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**CT - SB1025 AN ACT CONCERNING SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES.**

Primary Sponsor: Planning and Development Committee

Summary:

To (1) require that (A) short-term rental properties be licensed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (B) short-term rental operators notify owners of abutting and adjacent properties regarding use of a dwelling unit as a short-term rental property, and (C) short-term rental operators maintain minimum insurance coverage and the Insurance Commissioner adopt regulations concerning such coverage, (2) permit municipalities to tax short-term rental operators, and (3) subject short-term rental transactions to the sales and use tax.

Actions:

**March 11, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/15

**March 10, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development