JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:35 o'clock a.m., Representative Hennessy of the 127th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Dear Lord, we thank You for this new day and a new opportunity to serve You by serving Your people in a helpful, just and caring way. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christina S. Pen of Durham, Connecticut.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

January 16, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE HUNCHU KWAK of Portland to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE LISA KELLY MORGAN of Wethersfield to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE JOHN M. NEWSON of Brooklyn to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE M. NAWAZ WAHLA of Glastonbury to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from February 4, 2019.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 52-434(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate, for reappointment by you, the HONORABLE THOMAS V. O'KEEFE, JR. of Guilford, to be a State Referee, to serve for a term of eight years from February 11, 2019.

NED LAMONT
Governor

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Gibson of the 15th District, the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the committees as indicated thereon in concurrence.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5373 REP. SREDZINSKI, 112th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FROM MAKING RESCISSIONS OR OTHER REDUCTIONS TO A TOWN'S EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR', to prohibit the Governor from making rescissions to towns' education cost-sharing grants during a fiscal year.

Proposed H.B. No. 5374 REP. VAIL., 52nd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO LEGISLATORS IN THE ABSENCE OF A BUDGET', to encourage the debate and passage of the state budget in a timely manner.

Proposed H.B. No. 5375 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PURCHASE CREDITED SERVICE FOR TEACHING CERTAIN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to allow teachers to purchase credit in the teachers' retirement system for service as a teacher in an adult education program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5376 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL COPAYS PAID BY STATE EMPLOYEES EXEMPT FROM
CLASSIFIED SERVICE', to increase medical copays for state employees exempt from classified service.

EDUCATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5377 REP. SREDZINSKI, 112th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING PRIVATE THERAPISTS TO PROVIDE CARE TO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS', to allow private therapists to provide medically necessary therapy students at school during regular school hours.

Proposed H.B. No. 5378 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REVISE SCHOOL BUS ROUTES TO REFLECT ACTUAL STUDENT RIDERSHIP', to assist boards of education in reducing school transportation costs by allowing them to revise school bus routes to reflect actual student ridership.

Proposed H.B. No. 5379 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LOCALLY GROWN FOOD IN SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS', to encourage school districts to use locally grown foods in their school food programs.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed H.B. No. 5380 REP. GRESKO, 121st DIST. 'AN ACT REDEFINING "CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN USEFUL THERMAL ENERGY GENERATED FROM BIODIESEL AND CREATING A HOMEOWNER-GENERATED USEFUL THERMAL ENERGY PROGRAM', to redefine "Class I renewable energy source" to include certain useful thermal energy generated from biodiesel and to create a homeowner-generated useful thermal energy program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5381 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT REDEFINING "CLASS II RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE"', to redefine "Class II renewable energy source".

Proposed H.B. No. 5382 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL ASSESSMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS', to prohibit the Connecticut Siting Council from assessing electric suppliers and to require such electric suppliers to pass on any resulting savings to such electric suppliers' customers.

Proposed H.B. No. 5383 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CERTAIN FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS', to require the adoption of the recommendations of certain forensic examinations.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5384 REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE STYROFOAM CONTAINERS', to reduce litter in parks, waterways and urban areas and to create cost-savings in the recycling process.

Proposed H.B. No. 5385 REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS', to reduce litter in parks, waterways, and urban areas and to create cost-savings in the recycling process.

Proposed H.B. No. 5386 REP. ALLIE-BRENNAN, 2nd DIST.; REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF DOGS AND CATS AT PET SHOPS THAT ARE NOT FROM ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS', to prohibit the sale of animals originating from puppy mills at Connecticut pet shops.
Proposed H.B. No. 5387 REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE-CENT-REDEMPTION FEE ON NIP BOTTLES', to encourage the recycling of nip bottles.

Proposed H.B. No. 5388 REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to reduce the number of fees for resident drivers in the state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5389 REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE PASSPORT TO THE STATE PARKS REGISTRATION FEE', to prevent owners of multiple cars from paying the same Passport to the State Parks motor vehicle registration fee for each vehicle they own.

Proposed H.B. No. 5390 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE STATE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from the Passport to the State Parks motor vehicle registration fee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5391 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF SHELLFISH LEASES', to require any regulation of shellfish leases to be adopted as a regulation in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed H.B. No. 5392 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY SLUDGE INTO SOILS FOR USE BY LOCAL FARMS', to study how biosolids can be converted into fertile soil for use by local farmers.

Proposed H.B. No. 5393 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOTTERY FOR A BLACK BEAR HUNTING PERMIT IN LITCHFIELD COUNTY', to reduce the public safety threat presented by the overpopulation of the black bear.

Proposed H.B. No. 5394 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN THE STATE', to prohibit the sale and trade of ivory and rhinoceros horn in the state while preserving the antiques trade in Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5395 REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LAW', to re evaluate the current environmental justice law to better serve distressed municipalities.

Proposed H.B. No. 5396 REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF PLASTIC SINGLE-USE BAGS', to reduce litter in parks, waterways and urban areas and to create cost-savings in the recycling process.

Proposed H.B. No. 5397 REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF NIP BOTTLES UNDER THE STATE'S BOTTLE BILL', to reduce environmental waste and help eliminate plastic pollution.

Proposed H.B. No. 5398 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS', to reduce the volume of nonbiodegradable plastics in the state's solid waste stream.

Proposed H.B. No. 5399 REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF KENNEL FOR PURPOSES OF COMMERCIAL KENNEL
REGULATION', to clarify the definition of the term kennel for purposes of commercial kennel regulation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5400 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE TRANSFER ACT', to repeal the transfer act.

Proposed H.B. No. 5401 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICE', to enable the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to continue to provide reimbursement for municipal costs incurred in extending certain water services.

Proposed H.B. No. 5402 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FROM ENCOURAGING MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPLEMENT "PAY-AS-YOU-THROW" REFUSE PROGRAMS', to protect taxpayers and the environment by limiting "pay-as-you-throw" refuse programs.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5403 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEDUCTION AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR INTEREST PAID ON STUDENT LOANS', to provide student loan debt relief by establishing a deduction against the personal income tax for the amount of student loan interest paid by the taxpayer.

Proposed H.B. No. 5404 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE BUSINESS ENTITY TAX', to eliminate the business entity tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5405 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE BUSINESS ENTITY TAX', to eliminate the business entity tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5406 REP. KULARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYEES', to provide student loan debt relief by establishing a tax credit for businesses that provide student loan repayment assistance to employees.

Proposed H.B. No. 5407 REP. KULARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT PROVIDE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE BENEFITS AND A FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACCOUNTS PROGRAM', to establish a tax credit for employers that provide paid family and medical leave benefits and to authorize the Treasurer to establish a family and medical leave benefits accounts program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5408 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS TAX', to eliminate the ambulatory surgical centers tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5409 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS', to prohibit the diversion of funds for energy efficiency programs.
Proposed H.B. No. 5410 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PREPARATION OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT', to require that preparation of the state budget commence in the Finance Committee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5411 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE JOB EXPANSION TAX CREDIT AND PROGRAM', to reestablish the job expansion tax credit and program.

Proposed H.B. No. 5412 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR INTEREST PAID ON STUDENT LOANS', to establish a credit against the personal income tax for interest paid by the taxpayer on student loans.

Proposed H.B. No. 5413 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE HOSPITALS TAX', to repeal the hospitals tax.

GENERAL LAW

Proposed H.B. No. 5414 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PYRRHOTITE TESTING AT QUARRIES', to improve quarry testing standards to mitigate pyrrhotite-induced concrete deterioration.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5415 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to reduce the regulatory burden on our state's businesses and residents by limiting the number of state agency regulations.

Proposed H.B. No. 5416 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING GRANTS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT OPPOSED', to eliminate grants under the Citizens' Election Program for unopposed candidates.

Proposed H.B. No. 5417 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY FOR USE IN MANAGING ELECTOR INFORMATION', to study the use of blockchain technology in managing elector information.

Proposed H.B. No. 5418 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD', to save taxpayer money and end political favoritism by requiring competitive bidding on all state contracts.

Proposed H.B. No. 5419 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS', to suppress the publication of information that may potentially place law enforcement families at risk of harm.

HOUSING

Proposed H.B. No. 5420 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICATIONS', to prohibit a developer from filing an affordable housing application with a municipality for a period of one year after such developer filed a related application regarding the same property with such municipality.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed H.B. No. 5422 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OUT-OF-STATE USE OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS', to prevent fraud in the use of electronic benefit transfer cards.

Proposed H.B. No. 5423 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT ENDING A WAIVER OF WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE', to promote employment among able-bodied recipients of supplemental nutrition assistance.

Proposed H.B. No. 5424 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT FOR NURSING HOME SERVICES', to provide nursing home Medicaid reimbursement commensurate with the cost of caring for residents with a variety of health conditions and diagnoses.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed H.B. No. 5425 REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THAT REGISTERED HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE', to require that registered home improvement contractors maintain liability insurance.

Proposed H.B. No. 5426 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE INCREASES', to require insurers that file a rate increase of twenty per cent or more for an individual or a group long-term care insurance policy to spread such increase over not less than five years.

Proposed H.B. No. 5427 REP. GUCKER, 138th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM USING CREDIT HISTORY AS A FACTOR IN UNDERWRITING OR RATING PRIVATE PASSENGER NONFLEET AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES', to prohibit insurance companies from using an applicant's or insured's credit history as a factor in underwriting or rating private passenger nonfleet automobile insurance policies.

Proposed H.B. No. 5428 REP. GUCKER, 138th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM USING CREDIT HISTORY AS A FACTOR IN UNDERWRITING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE POLICIES', to prohibit insurance companies from using an applicant's or insured's credit history as a factor in underwriting homeowners insurance policies.

Proposed H.B. No. 5429 REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS FOR CERTAIN WOMEN AT INCREASED RISK FOR BREAST CANCER', to require health insurance coverage for mammograms, not less frequently than once annually and upon the recommendation of a licensed physician, for each covered woman who has a personal or family history of breast cancer, a personal history of breast disease diagnosed through biopsy as benign or is thirty years of age or older.

JUDICIARY
Proposed H.B. No. 5430 REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS', to increase penalties for juveniles found guilty of certain crimes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5431 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CASE OF STORED FIREARMS', to increase parental responsibility when an incident results from storage of a loaded firearm or when a firearm is easily accessed by a minor.

Proposed H.B. No. 5432 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM', to protect a homeowner who is subject to foreclosure as the result of owning a home with a crumbling foundation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5433 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT', to allow an owner of real property to pass the property simply and directly by operation of law to a beneficiary upon the owner's death.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed H.B. No. 5434 REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATED SALES SOLICITATION CALLS', to protect consumers from abusive automated sales solicitation call practices.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5435 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CREATE OR EXPAND UNFUNDED MANDATES TO MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS', to require a two-thirds vote of each chamber of the General Assembly to enact legislation to create or expand an unfunded mandate to a municipality or school district.

Proposed H.B. No. 5436 REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SATELLITE DISHES FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS', to prevent the overcrowding of satellite dishes on rooftops.

Proposed H.B. No. 5437 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CREATE OR ENLARGE MUNICIPAL MANDATES', to require a two-thirds vote of each chamber of the General Assembly to enact legislation that creates or enlarges a state mandate to local governments.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed H.B. No. 5438 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING TRANSPARENT, ACCURATE AND REAL-WORLD DATA ON THE TRUE COST OF HEALTH CARE', to give all consumers access to information regarding the costs associated with their health care.

Proposed H.B. No. 5439 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT RAISING THE LEGAL AGE FOR PURCHASE AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS', to raise the legal age for purchase and use of tobacco products.

Proposed H.B. No. 5440 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES FROM THE DEFINITION OF MASSAGE THERAPY', to redefine massage therapy to exclude certain activities from those requiring licensure.
Proposed H.B. No. 5441 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT HEALTH FREEDOM AND ACCESS ACT', to provide the public access to practitioners providing health care services with appropriate consumer protections.

Proposed H.B. No. 5442 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT ADDING CHRONIC PAIN AS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA BY A QUALIFYING PATIENT', to allow the palliative use of marijuana for qualifying patients with chronic pain.

Proposed H.B. No. 5443 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STRATEGIC PLAN TO EXPAND ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES AND DETOXIFICATION', to combat the opioid crisis by providing adequate treatment options.

Proposed H.B. No. 5444 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE LICENSURE OF ART THERAPISTS', to validate art therapy.

Proposed H.B. No. 5445 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF DATA ON AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM OCCURRENCES', to require the establishment of a registry of data on amniotic fluid embolism occurrences.

Proposed H.B. No. 5446 REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPOSING LIABILITY ON DRUG DEALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS FOR THE MEDICAL EXPENSES AND LOST WAGES ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG ADDICTION', to hold drug persons who deal or distribute a drug illegally responsible for medical expenses and lost wages associated with a person becoming addicted to the drug.

Proposed H.B. No. 5447 REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING DRUG MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS TO ACCEPT USED SHARPS FROM PATIENTS FOR DISPOSAL OR RECYCLING', to require drug manufacturers to accept sharps so that they can be properly disposed of or recycled.

Proposed H.B. No. 5448 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF A CREMATION CERTIFICATE', to exempt the cremation of the body of a minor from the fee for issuance of the cremation certificate.

Proposed H.B. No. 5449 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF BLOOD BY MINORS', to allow any person who is sixteen years of age to donate blood with the consent of a parent or guardian.

Proposed H.B. No. 5450 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF SEAT BELTS IN ALL POSITIONS OF A VEHICLE', to require the use of seatbelts in all positions of a vehicle.

Proposed H.B. No. 5451 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT RAISING THE LEGAL AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO TO TWENTY-ONE', to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco to twenty-one.

Proposed H.B. No. 5452 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GRADUATE FUNDING AND THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to ensure the provision of quality services to persons with intellectual disability.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
Proposed H.B. No. 5453 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF FIREARM TRAINING FACILITIES', to limit the locations of state firearms training facilities and to direct the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to conduct a study regarding its firearms training needs.

Proposed H.B. No. 5454 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING OFFICIALS AND FIRE MARSHALS', to change continuing training requirements for building officials and fire marshals from ninety hours over a three-year period to fifty hours over a three-year period.

Proposed H.B. No. 5455 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFIED FOREST FIREFIGHTERS', to create a more efficient process to mobilize qualified forest firefighters.

Proposed H.B. No. 5456 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF TEMPORARY AMUSEMENT STRUCTURES BY NONPROFIT ENTITIES', to allow nonprofit entities to use temporary amusement structures at events.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5457 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A "MOVE OVER" LAW FOR OIL AND GAS DELIVERY VEHICLES AND GARBAGE TRUCKS', to increase public safety by requiring motorists to slow down or move one lane when passing oil and gas delivery vehicles, garbage trucks and recycling trucks.

Proposed H.B. No. 5458 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN CONTAINERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES', to ban open containers of alcohol in vehicles and reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, fatalities and damages resulting from drivers operating under the influence of alcohol.

Proposed H.B. No. 5459 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF A HAND-HELD RADIO BY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN MOTOR VEHICLES', to expand the exception permitting federally licensed amateur radio operators to use a hand-held radio in a motor vehicle from the prohibition regarding hand-held mobile telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators.

Proposed H.B. No. 5460 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL TO INCREASE RAILROAD FARE', to provide greater transparency when increasing railroad fare.

Proposed H.B. No. 5461 REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF REGISTERING A CHILD IN SCHOOL', to require an owner of a motor vehicle that is registered in another state to register such vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles within thirty days of registering a child in a public school located in this state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5462 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN MOTORIZED VEHICLES', to require the registration of any motorized vehicle with a motor having a capacity of more than fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Proposed H.B. No. 5463 REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE', to reduce the number of fees for drivers in the state.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS
Proposed H.B. No. 5464 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENTRY TO STATE BUILDINGS USING A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION', to recognize military identification as valid for the purpose of entering any state building.

Proposed H.B. No. 5465 REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMEMORATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES', to allow veterans and members of the armed forces to obtain commemorative number plates at no additional cost beyond the cost to register a motor vehicle.

Proposed H.B. No. 5466 REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFERING OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES FROM THE STATE MOTOR POOL TO QUALIFIED VETERANS' CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS'. to allow the state's surplus motor vehicles to be donated to certain disabled combat veterans in need of financial assistance.

EDUCATION

Proposed S.B. No. 49 SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT TESTING OF SCHOOL WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD', to ensure that the drinking water in public schools does not contain lead.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 50 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEDUCTION AND WITHHOLDING OF PERSONAL INCOME TAX FROM PENSION PAYMENTS AND ANNUITY DISTRIBUTIONS'. to exempt pension payments and annuity distributions from the deduction and withholding of personal income tax from such payments or distributions by the payer.

Proposed S.B. No. 51 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL BAY FOR STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT AT A VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION THAT BORDERS ROUTE 2 IN MARLBOROUGH', to provide funding for the construction of an additional bay for storage of equipment at a volunteer fire station that borders Route 2 in Marlborough.

Proposed S.B. No. 52 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF A ROOF, FENCING AND MASONRY AT DODD STADIUM IN NORWICH', to provide funding for the repair and rehabilitation of a roof, fencing and masonry at Dodd Stadium in Norwich.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 53 SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS', to provide for restoration of electoral privileges to incarcerated individuals and retention of such privileges by individuals who may be incarcerated in the future.

HOUSING

Proposed S.B. No. 54 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO REVIEW CRIMINAL RECORDS RELATING TO A PROSPECTIVE TENANT', to lower barriers to finding adequate housing for individuals with prior criminal convictions.
HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 55 SEN. Osten, 19th DIST.; Rep. Ryan, 139th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM RATE FOR METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to change the inequitable methadone maintenance rates under the Medicaid program.

Proposed S.B. No. 56 Sen. Moore, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DOULA SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to reduce overall costs under the Medicaid program by providing doula services targeted at high-risk pregnancies that may result in the need for intensive pre and post-natal care.

JUDICIARY


Proposed S.B. No. 58 Sen. Looney, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GAY AND TRANSGENDER PANIC DEFENSE', to ban gay and transgender panic as a criminal defense.


Proposed S.B. No. 60 Sen. Looney, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT', to require individuals openly carrying to produce their permit if their firearm is visible and if requested by a law enforcement officer.


Proposed S.B. No. 62 Sen. Looney, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL MIRANDA NOTICE FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS', to protect juveniles who have cases transferred to the regular criminal docket.

Proposed S.B. No. 63 Sen. Looney, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to establish supported decision-making for persons with disabilities as an alternative to guardianship or conservatorship.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed S.B. No. 64 Sen. Looney, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS', to prohibit an employer from coercing employees into attending or participating in meetings sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed S.B. No. 65 Sen. Osten, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES', to determine whether tick-borne illnesses are being appropriately discovered, diagnosed and treated.

TRANSPORTATION
Proposed S.B. No. 66 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFINED TO A STRETCHER', to provide elderly persons and persons with disabilities an opportunity to travel in a stretcher van instead of an ambulance.

Proposed S.B. No. 67 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR PASSING A SCHOOL BUS', to increase the penalties for passing a school bus and remit fifty per cent of the fine amounts received for passing a school pass to the local or regional school district in which the violation occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Gibson of the 15th District, the House adjourned at 11:37 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.