

**SENATE
List of Bills**

Proposed [S.B. No. 18](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; REP. TURCO, 27th DIST.; REP. WOOD, 29th DIST.; REP. LOPES, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TRAIN STATION IN NEWINGTON', to provide the residents of Newington with access to the Hartford Line.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 19](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING NEEDY CHILDREN', to ease the financial burden on grandparents and other nonparent relatives raising needy children and to improve the lives of such children.

REF. AGING

Proposed [S.B. No. 20](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES', to prohibit the import and trade of the big six African species.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 21](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS', to extend the work of the task force on the humane treatment of animals in municipal animal shelters to January 1, 2020.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 22](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FINES PRIOR TO THE RESTORATION OF ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES', to no longer condition the restoration of electoral privileges on the payment of all fines in conjunction with a disenfranchising conviction.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 23](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING ELECTORS TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A BALLOT IN PERSON PRIOR TO THE DAY OF AN ELECTION', to provide for in-person completion and submission of ballots prior to the day of an election, and the casting of such ballots only on the day of such election.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 24](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES', to establish automatic voter registration at certain state agencies and create a presumption that any removal from a party enrollment list through such automatic voter registration was unintentional.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 25](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO FELONY CONVICTS WHO ARE ON PAROLE', to restore the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 26](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to permanently allow independent institutions of higher education to create up to twelve new programs of higher learning in any academic year and any program modifications without being subject to the approval of the Office of Higher Education.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 27](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to lower health care costs under the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 28](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER CERTAIN HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS', to require that health carriers that issue certain high deductible plans directly reimburse participating providers for the cost of covered benefits.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 29](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURDEN OF PROOF DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS', to require that health carriers bear the burden of proving that certain health care services under adverse determination or utilization review are not medically necessary.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 30](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENT ACCUMULATOR PROGRAMS', to prohibit copayment accumulator programs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 31](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES', to expand the definition of "surprise bill" to include bills for nonemergency health care services rendered by out-of-network clinical laboratories.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 32](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE', to establish a public health insurance option available through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 33](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to require health insurance policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs to provide coverage for intravenously administered prescription drugs on a basis that is no less favorable than the basis on which such policies provide coverage for orally administered prescription drugs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 34](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SHORT-TERM HEALTH INSURANCE', to prohibit the delivery, issuance for delivery or renewal of short-term health insurance policies in this state that do not provide coverage for essential health benefits.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 35](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE TO ACQUIRE AND MAINTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE', to require residents of this state to acquire and maintain health insurance coverage.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 36](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM REQUIRING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to prohibit health carriers that deliver, issue for delivery, renew, amend or continue certain health insurance policies and contracts in this state from requiring the use of step therapy for a prescription drug if such drug is prescribed for the treatment of a disabling, chronic or life-threatening disease or condition.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 37](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PRESCRIBED DRUGS DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESSES', to require health insurance coverage of prescribed drugs during adverse determination reviews and external review processes.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 38](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME FRAME FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS', to reduce the time frame for urgent care adverse determination review requests from seventy-two to forty-eight hours.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 39](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES DURING THE TERM OF CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES', to limit changes to prescription drug formularies during the term of certain health insurance policies.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 40](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING SITE-NEUTRAL PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES', to require health carriers to include site-neutral payment provisions in provider contracts.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 41](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES IN HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISABILITY INCOME POLICIES', to prohibit each insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation and health care center that delivers, issues for delivery or renews an insurance policy in this state from including in such policy a clause that reserves discretion to such company, society, corporation or center to interpret the terms of such policy in a manner that is, or to provide standards for the interpretation or review of such policy that are, inconsistent with the laws of this state.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 42](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COST-SHARING UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES', to provide that no health carrier that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a health insurance policy in this state shall charge an insured for a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for a covered benefit in an amount that exceeds the amount that the insured would have paid for the covered benefit without regard to such policy.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 43](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM DENYING COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN COVERED BENEFITS PROVIDED IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS', to provide that no health carrier that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a health insurance policy in this state shall deny coverage for a covered benefit provided to an insured in a hospital emergency room because the covered benefit could have been provided to the insured in another health care setting.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 44](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE OR USE TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO TWENTY-ONE', to improve public health.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 45](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ADDING OPIOID USE DISORDER AND WITHDRAWAL AS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA', to improve public health.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 46](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HOSPITALS FROM CHARGING FEES FOR TRAUMA ACTIVATION', to decrease the cost of health care.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 47](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OR SALE OF GOODS OR BUILDING MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS', to protect the public's health by banning asbestos.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 48](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF SUCH DRUGS TO MANUFACTURERS OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to lower the costs of prescription drugs.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH