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Monday, January 11, 2021

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:03 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 50, and under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

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

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, let Your grace shine upon us as we move through this Session. Help our legislators to make decisions that will benefit all our constituents. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, Connecticut.

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House of Representatives was called to order, by the Office of the House Clerk under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

It was moved that the House agenda dated Monday, January 11, 2021 be adopted, and the items on said agenda - illustrating Business on the Clerk's desk - were acted upon as indicated, and the matters contained in the agenda were incorporated by reference into the House Journal and the House Transcript.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

Pursuant to House Rule 50, 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.

BANKING

Proposed H.B. No. 5027 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE BANKING COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS', to require the Banking Commissioner to establish a first-time homebuyer savings account program and to establish a tax deduction for contributions to first-time homebuyer savings accounts.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed H.B. No. 5028 REP. HOWARD, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES, TRAINERS AND

INSTRUCTORS', to require background checks for coaches, trainers and instructors involved in organized youth sports.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5029 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE, TRADE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SHARK FINS', to prohibit the practice of shark finning.

Proposed H.B. No. 5030 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRACKING OF CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED EMISSIONS FROM FOODS CONSUMED BY RESIDENTS OF THE STATE', to enable residents of the state to make dietary decisions based on climate change emissions from foods they may consume.

Proposed H.B. No. 5031 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE, TRADE OR DISTRIBUTION OF NEW ANIMAL FUR', to prohibit the sale and trade of new animal fur products in the state of Connecticut.

Proposed H.B. No. 5032 REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF PERC TESTS', to provide that if a septic system is in the back yard of a home, with a well in the front yard, the required perc test shall only be done where the septic is currently located.

Proposed H.B. No. 5033 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE BOTTLE BILL TO INCLUDE NIPS', to encourage the recycling of nip bottles.

Proposed H.B. No. 5034 REP. LABRIOLA, 131st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN LOCATIONS FOR SERVICE DOGS', to allow for the expansion of the types of settings where service dogs are permitted.

Proposed H.B. No. 5035 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AIR QUALITY IN CERTAIN DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES', to establish a plan to analyze the air quality in areas of distressed municipalities affected by incinerators and industry that produce dust or toxicity.

Proposed H.B. No. 5036 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST.; SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAILS ON STATE PROPERTY', to authorize all-terrain vehicle trails on state property.

Proposed H.B. No. 5037 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT', to enhance penalties under environmental protection statutes.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5038 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE THOMASTON OPERA HOUSE', to provide a grant of funds to the town of Thomaston for the renovation of the Thomaston Opera House.

Proposed H.B. No. 5039 REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH STEM DEGREES', to reestablish a credit against the personal income tax for certain college graduates who receive a degree in a science, technology, engineering or math-related field.

Proposed H.B. No. 5040 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS FOR SENIORS TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS', to require that, for seniors, (1) qualifying income thresholds for personal income tax deductions be adjusted for inflation, and (2) income from individual retirement accounts that is currently taxable be exempt from the personal income tax.

Proposed H.B. No. 5041 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE THOMASTON OPERA HOUSE', to provide a grant of funds to the town of Thomaston for the renovation of the Thomaston Opera House.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5042 REP. HARRISON, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES', to require absentee ballot counters to verify an electors' signatures on returned absentee ballot inner envelopes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5043 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING ADVANCE DIRECTIVE AWARENESS WEEK', to establish Advance Directive Awareness Week.

GENERAL LAW

Proposed H.B. No. 5044 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN AND DIGITAL PRIVACY', to prohibit the collection and commercial use of certain digital information concerning minors.

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed H.B. No. 5045 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL SPECIALISTS FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT', to ensure adequate access to medical specialists in southeastern Connecticut.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed H.B. No. 5046 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE FOR CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION SOLUTIONS INDEMNITY COMPANY, INC', to extend the sunset date for the captive insurance company established pursuant to section 38a-91vv of the general statutes to June 30, 2030.

Proposed H.B. No. 5047 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE POLICIES AND COVERAGE FOR THE PERIL OF COLLAPSE', to require homeowners insurance policies to provide coverage for the peril of collapse and mitigation undertaken to prevent all or part of the covered dwelling from falling down or caving in.

JUDICIARY

Proposed H.B. No. 5048 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM A JUDGMENT CREDITOR', to increase the value of certain personal and real property that shall be exempt from a judgment creditor and provide that the cash surrender value of life insurance policies shall be exempt from a judgment creditor.

Proposed H.B. No. 5049 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CASH BAIL', to provide that a cash bail with a deposit of ten per cent be offered only by an order of the court and shall not be authorized automatically.

Proposed H.B. No. 5050 REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST.; REP. FIORELLO, 149th DIST.; REP. VEACH, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF INTIMATE IMAGES', to elevate the penalty for dissemination of intimate images in the case of dissemination to multiple persons by certain electronic means.

Proposed H.B. No. 5051 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS IN COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES', to update the requirements for common interest communities relating to: (1) Communications from the association to the unit owners in such communities; and (2) the adoption and amendment of bylaws in such communities.

Proposed H.B. No. 5052 REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPRIVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BY STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS', to ensure state elected officials are held to the same standard as police officers in protecting the Constitutional rights of state residents.

Proposed H.B. No. 5053 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN CERTAIN SUMMARY PROCESS PROCEEDINGS', to ensure that any tenant negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic has access to legal counsel in a summary process proceeding.

Proposed H.B. No. 5054 REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE COMMITTED BY A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN A FAMILY RELATIONS PROCEEDING', to: (1) Ensure that parents, guardians and others aggrieved by the professional malpractice of a guardian ad litem appointed in a family relations matter have the ability to bring a civil malpractice action against such guardian ad litem, and (2) abolish qualified or absolute immunity as a defense that may be raised by a guardian ad litem in a professional malpractice action.

Proposed H.B. No. 5055 REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY RELATIVE CAREGIVERS', to promote the adoption of children by relative caregivers.

Proposed H.B. No. 5056 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY RELATIONS MATTERS ALLEGING CONTEMPT OF A COURT ORDER', to provide uniformity, consistency and fairness in contempt proceedings held in family court.

Proposed H.B. No. 5057 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROBATE COURT TO ORDER THAT A PERSON WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OR PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY SUBMIT TO AN INVOLUNTARY MEDICAL EVALUATION AND ASSISTED OUTPATIENT MEDICAL TREATMENT', to provide a Probate Court with the authority to order a person with a substance use disorder or psychiatric disability to submit to an involuntary medical evaluation and assisted outpatient medical treatment.

Proposed H.B. No. 5058 REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF DEBIT CARDS TO INCARCERATED PERSONS BEING RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY', to allow a formerly incarcerated person easier access to his or her funds upon release into the community.

Proposed H.B. No. 5059 REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR TREE LIMB', to impose liability on an owner of private real property for the

expenses of removing a tree or tree limb located on such real property that falls on adjoining private real property.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5060 REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST.; SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES TASK FORCE', to study and evaluate the PILOT formula as applied to municipalities in which more than fifty per cent of the land in such municipality is owned by the state.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed H.B. No. 5061 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONMEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS', to increase the socialization of nursing home residents who do not have access to transportation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5062 REP. GIBSON, 15th DIST. 'AN ACT DETERRING ABUSE IN NURSING HOMES', to deter abuse in nursing homes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5063 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FOLLOW-UP SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS DISCHARGED FROM SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER REHABILITATION FACILITIES', to provide follow-up services to persons discharged from substance use disorder rehabilitation facilities.

Proposed H.B. No. 5064 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS', to statutorily establish regional behavioral health organizations.

Proposed H.B. No. 5065 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING FUNERAL DIRECTORS TO OFFER CATERED FOOD AND BEVERAGES', to allow food and beverages to be consumed in funeral homes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5066 REP. ARNONE, 58th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO A TRAUMATIC EVENT', to create a broader safety net of care and support for individuals in the community who have been exposed to a traumatic event.

Proposed H.B. No. 5067 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; REP. DE LA CRUZ, 41st DIST.; REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST.; REP. TURCO, 27th DIST.; REP. SMITH, 48th DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; REP. NOLAN, 39th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. DATHAN, 142nd DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INFORMED CONSENT FOR A PELVIC OR PROSTATE EXAMINATION ON A PATIENT WHO IS UNDER DEEP SEDATION OR ANESTHESIA OR UNCONSCIOUS', to prohibit unauthorized pelvic and prostate examinations on patients who have been administered sedation or anesthesia or are unconscious.

Proposed H.B. No. 5068 REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RECOVERY NAVIGATORS AND THEIR ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC', to increase the use of recovery navigators throughout the state to address the opioid epidemic exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposed H.B. No. 5069 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF SUICIDAL PATIENTS', to ensure that suicidal patients will be treated with the same respect, compassion and dignity with which a patient with a physical ailment is treated.

Proposed H.B. No. 5070 REP. BETTS, 78th DIST.; REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF A PERSON'S ANNUAL PHYSICAL', to help earlier identify the impact of a person's mental health on their overall health.

Proposed H.B. No. 5071 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST.; REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS', to allow medical assistants, under certain conditions, to administer vaccines.

Proposed H.B. No. 5072 REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INFECTION CONTROL AND STAFF SAFETY AT NURSING HOME FACILITIES', to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in nursing home facilities.

Proposed H.B. No. 5073 REP. BETTS, 78th DIST.; REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN ACCESS TO AND EXPEDIENCE IN THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING SUCH SERVICES', to increase access to and the expedience in the provision of mental health services for individuals seeking such services.

Proposed H.B. No. 5074 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES', to protect the public by limiting exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Proposed H.B. No. 5075 REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR THE INSPECTION OF SALONS AND LICENSING OF NAIL TECHNICIANS, ESTHETICIANS AND EYELASH TECHNICIANS', to require (1) the Commissioner of Public Health, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Administrative Services, to study and implement the provisions of federal Executive Order No. 13627-Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking in Persons in Federal Contracts with regard to the inspection of salons employing any nail technicians, estheticians or eyelash technicians, and (2) the Department of Public Health to license nail technicians, estheticians and eyelash technicians.

Proposed H.B. No. 5076 REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF MOLD GROWTH IN SCHOOLS', to reduce the growth of mold in schools.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed H.B. No. 5077 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING ORDERS RELATED TO FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION DURING A CIVIL PREPAREDNESS OR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY', to prohibit the Governor or any municipality from restricting lawful possession of a firearm or ammunition during a civil preparedness or public health emergency.

Proposed H.B. No. 5078 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF TECHNOLOGY THAT POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL MAY USE WHEN RESPONDING TO OPIOID OVERDOSES', to study technologies that may assist police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel when responding to opioid overdoses.

Proposed H.B. No. 5079 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF INFORMATION COLLECTED USING INFRARED NUMBER PLATE

SCANNING TECHNOLOGY', to protect state residents from an unreasonably long retention of information collected by law enforcement units using infrared number plate scanning technology.

Proposed H.B. No. 5080 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER', to specify uniform criteria for an application for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed H.B. No. 5081 REP. GRESKO, 121st DIST. 'AN ACT NAMING A PORTION OF ROUTE 113 IN HONOR OF TERRY BACKER', to name a portion of Route 113 in honor of former State Representative Terrance E. Backer to recognize more than twenty years of public service to the town of Stratford and his commitment to the environment as the Long Island Soundkeeper.

Proposed H.B. No. 5082 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF COMMUTER RAIL LINES TO THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD', to expand ridership on Connecticut's commuter rails.

Proposed H.B. No. 5083 REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE "MOVE OVER" LAW', to increase public safety by requiring motorists to reduce the speed of a motor vehicle to twenty miles per hour when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle on the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of a highway.

Proposed H.B. No. 5084 REP. RUTIGLIANO, 123rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION AT TIME OF EMISSIONS INSPECTION', to ensure that motor vehicles are complaint with safety regulations by requiring inspections.

Proposed H.B. No. 5085 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT STUDYING THE USE OF HYBRID TRAINS ON THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD', to study the feasibility of operating hybrid trains on the Danbury line of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad.

Proposed H.B. No. 5086 REP. GIBSON, 15th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CURRICULUM OF DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS', to increase the safe operation of motor vehicles by requiring driver education programs to include instructions concerning how to enter and exit highways.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 3:04 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.