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The Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(A).

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 16, 2021, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES SENATE BILLS

The following favorable reports were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar and printing.

AGING. Substitute for S.B. No. **418** (COMM) (File No. 60) "AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZING A DEDUCTION FOR CONSERVATOR EXPENSES FROM THE AMOUNT OF INCOME A MEDICAID RECIPIENT APPLIES TO THE COST OF CARE."

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. S.B. No. **697** (RAISED) (File No. 61) "AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS TO FIX ASSESSMENTS."

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. S.B. No. **699** (RAISED) (File No. 62) "AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS."

BANKING. S.B. No. **831** (RAISED) (File No. 63) "AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), 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:

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. **186** (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT ALLOWING PERSONS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO OPERATE RIDES AT AMUSEMENT PARKS', to permit persons sixteen years of age or older to operate rides at amusement parks, with certain requirements.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. **575** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS', to establish a task force to study the regulation of professional bondsmen, bail enforcement agents and surety bail bond agents.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. **625** (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DATABASE OF STATE BUSINESSES, SUPPLY CHAINS AND WORKFORCE TOOLS', to require the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a plan to establish a database of state businesses, supply chains and workforce tools.

HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No. **1054** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE OMBUDSMAN', to appoint a state ombudsman to monitor and respond to complaints and concerns regarding home health care and hospice care.

S.B. No. **1055** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES', to update statutes concerning the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

S.B. No. **1056** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE', to expand access to Medicaid to persons under age sixty-five with income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level.

S.B. No. **1057** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES', to change the minimum staffing levels at nursing home facilities.

GENERAL LAW

H.B. No. **5303** (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF PREDATORY TELEMARKETING PRACTICES', to require the Department of Consumer Protection to conduct a study of the feasibility of strengthening prohibitions on predatory and unsolicited telemarketing.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. **5592** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT REDEFINING "VETERAN" AND ESTABLISHING A QUALIFIED CONDITION REVIEW BOARD', to redefine "veteran" and to establish a Qualified Condition Review Board.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. **5666** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS TO DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES

FOR THE TRAINING OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS', to require the State Fire Administrator to issue grants to distressed municipalities for the training of volunteer firefighters.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. **5759** (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY DECLARATION, PROCLAMATION OR ORDER THAT AFFECTS BUSINESSES', to provide businesses with five days' notice before issuing any declaration, proclamation or order that restricts a business's ability to operate or capacity to do business.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. **6050** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF INCLUDING FIRE DISTRICTS IN THE PILOT PROGRAM', to study the effects of providing state grants in lieu of taxes to fire districts.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. **6121** (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to require the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a plan to establish a workforce development pipeline for persons with disabilities.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. **6231** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME FACULTY EMPLOYED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM', to require health insurance benefits for the part-time faculty employed by the Connecticut State University System who have taught not less than ninety credit hours during the preceding five years.

H.B. No. **6235** (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE "LEARN HERE, HEAL HERE" PROGRAM', to establish a "Learn Here, Heal Here" program to provide a tax rebate to psychiatrists who work in the state to purchase their first home in the state within ten years of graduation from medical school.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. **6302** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONALIZATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTERS AND A STUDY OF CONSOLIDATION', to (1) provide incentives for public safety answering points to consolidate and (2) establish a working group to study the consolidation of public safety answering points.

HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. **6634** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ESSENTIAL SUPPORT PERSONS AND A STATE-WIDE VISITATION POLICY FOR RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES', to allow long-term care facility residents to designate essential support persons who may visit and support their physical, emotional, psychological and socialization needs despite other visitation restrictions and to establish a state-wide visitation policy at long-term care facilities.

H.B. No. **6635** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE', to extend the time limit for temporary family assistance to sixty months, exempt benefits received during the COVID-19 public health emergency from the time limit, eliminate the penalties for families with children born after enrollment in the program and ensure benefits are adequate to meet the cost of living for beneficiaries.

H.B. No. **6636** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVID-19 AND ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING', to expand access to care under the Medicaid program by using enhanced federal matching funds provided to states during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase Medicaid provider rates.

H.B. No. **6637** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-WIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR DEAF, DEAF-BLIND AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS', to establish a state-wide mental health services program to provide mental health services tailored to the specialized needs of deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing persons.

**BILLS FILED WITH THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT RULE 15
AS OF MARCH 15, 2021
AT 5:00 P. M.**

Aging

S.B. No. **274** AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF HOME HEALTH CARE.

S.B. No. **418** AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZING A DEDUCTION FOR CONSERVATOR EXPENSES FROM THE AMOUNT OF INCOME A MEDICAID RECIPIENT APPLIES TO THE COST OF CARE.

S.B. No. **812** AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

S.B. No. **813** AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE SERVICES.

S.B. No. **816** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO ASSIST ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS.

S.B. No. **818** AN ACT PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.

S.B. No. **896** AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES.

S.B. No. **897** AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

S.B. No. **899** AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES.

S.B. No. **900** AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES.

S.B. No. **973** AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS AND FAMILY COUNCILS.

S.B. No. **974** AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER AND COMPANION SERVICES.

S.B. No. **975** AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

H.B. No. **6456** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PROTECT SENIOR CITIZENS FROM FRAUD.

H.B. No. **6457** AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME SERVICES.

H.B. No. **6458** AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

H.B. No. **6552** AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES TO USE THE TECHNOLOGY OF THEIR CHOICE FOR VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS TO FAMILY, FRIENDS AND OTHER PERSONS.

H.B. No. **6553** AN ACT PROTECTING PROPERTY OWNERS AGE FIFTY AND OLDER FROM FORECLOSURE.

H.B. No. **6554** AN ACT CONCERNING AGING AND COVID-19.

Housing

S.B. No. **48** AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT.

S.B. No. **49** AN ACT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE.

S.B. No. **86** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.

S.B. No. **87** AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR GROUP AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

S.B. No. **194** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO HOUSING.

S.B. No. **355** AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO CONSIDER THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.

S.B. No. **356** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT GRANT PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

S.B. No. **393** AN ACT CONCERNING ROOM TEMPERATURES IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND DWELLING UNITS.

S.B. No. **876** AN ACT CONCERNING BONDS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.

S.B. No. **877** AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY OF RENTAL RATES FOR TENANTS RECEIVING RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

S.B. No. **880** AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

S.B. No. **935** AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING.

H.B. No. **5679** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS.

H.B. No. **5681** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY REIMBURSEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.

H.B. No. **6239** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING FUNDING ALLOCATION AND SEGREGATION.

H.B. No. **6408** (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.

H.B. No. **6430** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITY JURISDICTION.

H.B. No. **6431** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUSTICE-IMPACTED PERSONS.

H.B. No. **6433** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTIONS OF RENTAL PROPERTY PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OR TERMINATION, LATE RENTAL PAYMENTS AND DESIGNATION OF A RENTAL HOUSING OMBUDSMAN.

H.B. No. **6436** (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OPEN CHOICE VOUCHERS PILOT PROGRAM.

H.B. No. **6437** (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO NOTIFY TENANTS OF FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS.

H.B. No. **6528** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEALING OF EVICTION RECORDS.

H.B. No. **6529** AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE HOUSING ADVOCATE.

H.B. No. **6530** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.

H.B. No. **6531** AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN EVICTION PROCEEDINGS.

H.B. No. **6532** AN ACT APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND HOUSING.

H.B. No. **6533** AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF METHODS TO PROVIDE HOUSING ASSISTANCE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.