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# **Connecticut Lodging Association**

**Weekly Report**

**April 16, 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 \(R\)](#)

Cosponsors:

[Representative Christie M. Carpino \(R\)](#)

[Representative David K. Labriola \(R\)](#)

[Representative Rosa C. Rebimbas \(R\)](#)

[Representative Tom O'Dea \(R\)](#)

[Representative Stephen G. Harding \(R\)](#)

[Representative Cara Christine Pavalock-D'Amato \(R\)](#)

[Senator Rob Sampson \(R\)](#)

[Representative Kimberly Fiorello \(R\)](#)

[Representative Donna Veach \(R\)](#)

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 18, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/22

**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 - HB5377 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF COVID-19 RELATED LAYOFFS FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXPERIENCE ACCOUNT.**

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Christine Conley \(D\)](#)

Cosponsor: [Senator Catherine A. Osten \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

To remove COVID-19 related layoffs from the unemployment experience account.

Actions:

**April 6, 2021**

- File Number 254
- House Calendar Number 208
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 29, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/06/21 10:00 AM
- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/06/21 10:00 AM

**March 19, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 18, 2021**

- Joint Favorable

**March 17, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**March 16, 2021**

- Drafted by Committee

**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 - 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 - HB5761 AN ACT CONCERNING 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:

**March 30, 2021**

- File Number 200
- House Calendar Number 171
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 24, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/29/21 5:00 PM

**March 17, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 16, 2021**

- Joint Favorable Substitute

**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 - HB5954 AN ACT CONTINUING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EXPERIENCE RATE COMPONENT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX.**

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Vincent J. Candelora \(R\)](#)

Cosponsors:

[Representative Jason Perillo \(R\)](#)

[Representative Rosa C. Rebimbas \(R\)](#)

[Representative Lezlye Zupkus \(R\)](#)

[Representative Tom O'Dea \(R\)](#)

[Representative Laura M. Devlin \(R\)](#)

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 the state by directing additional funds into the Tourism Fund, and renaming the fund to better represent the full scope of the sector.

Actions:

**April 1, 2021**

- File Number 235
- House Calendar Number 196
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 26, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/31/21 5:00 PM

**March 18, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
- Joint Favorable

**March 17, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

**March 16, 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 29, 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:

**April 13, 2021**

- Referred by House to Committee on Judiciary

**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**

- 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

**[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

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

Summary:

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

Actions:

**April 15, 2021**

- File Number 463
- House Calendar Number 347
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office



**April 9, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/14/21 5:00 PM

**March 29, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 25, 2021**

- Joint Favorable Substitute

**March 5, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/11

**March 4, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**CT - HB6675 AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION FOR A HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.**

Primary Sponsor: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Summary:

To authorize municipalities to establish a homestead property tax exemption.

Actions:

**April 15, 2021**

- Public Hearing 04/20

**April 14, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

**CT - SB3 AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, WORKER PROTECTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS REVITALIZATION.**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Martin M. Looney \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors:

[Senator Douglas McCrory \(D\)](#)

[Senator Steve Cassano \(D\)](#)

[Senator Bob Duff \(D\)](#)

[Senator Gary A. Winfield \(D\)](#)

[Senator Mae Flexer \(D\)](#)

[Senator Derek Slap \(D\)](#)

[Senator Marilyn V. Moore \(D\)](#)

[Senator Mary Daugherty Abrams \(D\)](#)

[Senator Will Haskell \(D\)](#)

[Senator Julie Kushner \(D\)](#)

[Senator Saud Anwar \(D\)](#)

[Senator Matthew L. Lesser \(D\)](#)

[Senator Dennis A. Bradley \(D\)](#)

[Senator Alex Kasser \(D\)](#)

[Senator Jorge Cabrera \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

To grow the economy by supporting diverse economic opportunities, worker protections and small business revitalization.

Actions:

**April 8, 2021**

- File Number 352
- Senate Calendar Number 218
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**April 1, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/07/21 5:00 PM

**March 22, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
- Joint Favorable Substitute

**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 - SB430 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Catherine A. Osten \(D\)](#)

Cosponsor: [Senator Paul M. Formica \(R\)](#)

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 \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors:

[Representative Emmett D. Riley \(D\)](#)

[Representative Christine Conley \(D\)](#)

[Representative Anthony L. Nolan \(D\)](#)

[Representative Brian T. Smith \(D\)](#)

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 - SB658 AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO RECALL CERTAIN LAID-OFF WORKERS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY.](#)**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Martin M. Looney \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

To require employers to recall certain laid-off workers in order of seniority.

Actions:

**April 14, 2021**

- File Number 445
- Senate Calendar Number 267
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**April 8, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/13/21 5:00 PM

**March 29, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 25, 2021**

- Joint Favorable

**March 24, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**March 23, 2021**

- Drafted by Committee

**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 - SB668 AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE.**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Martin M. Looney \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

To require certain employers to provide advance notice to certain employees of the employees' work schedule.

Actions:

**April 12, 2021**

- File Number 398
- Senate Calendar Number 244
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**April 5, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/12/21 10:00 AM

**March 24, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 23, 2021**

- Joint Favorable

**March 18, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**March 17, 2021**

- Drafted by Committee

**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 \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors:

[Senator Rick Lopes \(D\)](#)

[Senator Gary A. Winfield \(D\)](#)

[Senator Mae Flexer \(D\)](#)

[Senator Marilyn V. Moore \(D\)](#)

[Senator Julie Kushner \(D\)](#)

[Senator Saud Anwar \(D\)](#)

[Senator Matthew L. Lesser \(D\)](#)

[Senator Jorge Cabrera \(D\)](#)

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 - SB893 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY.**

Primary Sponsor: General Law Committee

Committee: [General Law \(Joint\)](#)

Summary:

To establish a framework for controlling and processing personal data, to establish responsibilities and privacy protection standards for data controllers and processors, to grant consumers the right to access, correct, delete and obtain a copy of personal data and to opt out of the processing of personal data for the purposes of targeted advertising.

Actions:

**April 8, 2021**

- File Number 360
- Senate Calendar Number 222
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**April 1, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/07/21 5:00 PM

**March 23, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
- Joint Favorable Substitute

**February 19, 2021**

- Public Hearing 02/25

**February 17, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on General Law

**[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

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

Summary:

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

Actions:

**April 15, 2021**

- File Number 464
- Senate Calendar Number 294
- Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**April 9, 2021**

- Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/14/21 5:00 PM

**March 29, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 25, 2021**

- Joint Favorable Substitute

**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

**CT - SB1038 AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION.**

Primary Sponsor: Commerce Committee

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

Summary:

To (1) allow short-term lessees of eligible brownfields to apply to the abandoned brownfield cleanup and the brownfield remediation and revitalization programs, (2) allow the Commissioner of Environmental Protection specific authority to issue compliance orders to participants in brownfield programs, (3) establish audit deadlines for the abandoned brownfield cleanup program, and (4) establish a brownfield tax credit program.



Actions:

**March 30, 2021**

- Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
- Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

**March 24, 2021**

- Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office

**March 22, 2021**

- Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
- Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference Finance, Revenue and Bonding

**March 12, 2021**

- Public Hearing 03/18

**March 11, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce