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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.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary (January 8, 2021)

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.

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.

Last Action: Public Hearing 03/22 (March 18, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Craig C. Fishbein \(R\)](#)

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.

CT - HB5158 AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE.

Last Action: File Number 17 (March 9, 2021)

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.

CT - HB5190 AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING IN THE WORKPLACE.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary (January 15, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Holly H. Cheeseman \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To reduce duplicative sexual harassment training requirements for certain employees.

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

Last Action: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/06/21 10:00 AM (March 29, 2021)

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

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

Summary:

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

[CT - HB5557 AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary (January 26, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jillian Gilchrest \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To enact the recommendations of the Trafficking in Persons Council to prevent and address human trafficking.

[CT - HB5561 AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees (January 26, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Cindy Harrison \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To delay the implementation of the Paid Family and Medical Leave program for one year.

[CT - HB5562 AN ACT CONCERNING OUTDOOR DINING AND COVID-19.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (January 26, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Rutigliano \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To permit outdoor dining consistent with the provisions of Executive Order Number 7MM for the duration of the public health emergency relating to COVID-19.

[CT - HB5615 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRIES.](#)

Last Action: Public Hearing 02/11 (February 5, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jason Rojas \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

To encourage visitors to state attractions and restaurants.

[CT - HB5702 AN ACT DELAYING SCHEDULED INCREASES IN THE MINIMUM WAGE.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees (January 27, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Cindy Harrison \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To delay scheduled increases in the minimum wage.

[CT - HB5761 AN ACT CONCERNING A REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM.](#)

Last Action: File Number 200 (March 30, 2021)

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.

[CT - HB5823 AN ACT CONCERNING ECO-TOURISM IN CONNECTICUT.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Environment (January 28, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Michel \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To understand the ecological and economic impact of eco-tourism in Connecticut.

[CT - HB5930 AN ACT PROMOTING DIVERSITY ON CORPORATE BOARDS.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary (January 28, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kate Farrar \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To advance the goal of having equitable and diverse representation on corporate boards of any corporation with a principal place of business in this state.

[CT - HB5948 AN ACT UPDATING AND REFORMING THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees (January 28, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Rutigliano \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To update and reform the Unemployment Trust Fund.

[CT - HB5954 AN ACT CONTINUING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EXPERIENCE RATE COMPONENT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX.](#)

Last Action: Public Hearing 02/18 (February 11, 2021)

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

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.

[CT - HB6119 AN ACT CONCERNING ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM FUNDING.](#)

Last Action: House Calendar Number 196 (April 1, 2021)

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.

[CT - HB6181 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (January 29, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jason Doucette \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To increase, for the first one million dollars of income subject to the affected business entity tax, the amount of the credit under section 12-699 of the general statutes to ninety-three and one-hundredths per cent.

[CT - HB6358 AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO EMPLOY PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER OR INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce (February 3, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative John K. Hampton \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To require businesses receiving financial assistance from the Department of Economic and Community Development to make good faith efforts to employ persons with autism spectrum disorder or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[CT - HB6380 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF SALARY RANGE FOR A VACANT POSITION.](#)

Last Action: File Number 26 (March 9, 2021)

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.

[CT - HB6595 AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING ISSUES.](#)

Last Action: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (March 29, 2021)

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.

[CT - SB3 AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, WORKER PROTECTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS REVITALIZATION.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/07/21 5:00 PM (April 1, 2021)

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

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

Summary:

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

[CT - SB22 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Insurance and Real Estate (January 8, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Saud Anwar \(D\)](#)

Summary:

To: (1) Establish the ConnectHealth Program, the ConnectHealth Trust Account and the ConnectHealth Advisory Board; (2) require the Comptroller, in consultation with the ConnectHealth Advisory Board and the Office of Health Strategy, to establish the ConnectHealth Plan; (3) authorize the Comptroller to offer coverage to plan participants and beneficiaries in this state under a multiemployer plan, nonprofit employers and their employees, and small employers and their employees; and (4) require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek to amend the federal waiver for the state-wide dental plan that provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the department's medical assistance to expand coverage to include additional individuals in this state.

CT - SB212 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-OPERATED REINSURANCE PROGRAM AND REQUIRING THAT THIS STATE APPLY FOR A STATE INNOVATION WAIVER.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Insurance and Real Estate (January 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Kevin C. Kelly \(R\)](#)

Summary:

To establish a state-operated reinsurance program and require this state to apply for a state innovation waiver to fund such program.

CT - SB364 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL INJURIES.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees (January 26, 2021)

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

Summary:

To allow all workers coverage for post traumatic stress and other mental or emotional injuries.

CT - SB365 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL INJURIES THAT DO NOT ARISE OUT OF PHYSICAL INJURIES OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees (January 26, 2021)

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

Summary:

To allow all workers coverage for post traumatic stress and other mental or emotional injuries.

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

Last Action: Public Hearing 03/09 (March 5, 2021)

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

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.

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.

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary (January 27, 2021)

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

Summary:

To protect victims of sex trafficking and enhance the ability of law enforcement personnel to apprehend and prosecute individuals who promote sex trafficking.

[CT - SB624 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT TOURISM COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.](#)

Last Action: Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce (March 2, 2021)

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.

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

Last Action: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (March 29, 2021)

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.

[CT - SB668 AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE.](#)

Last Action: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (March 24, 2021)

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.

[CT - SB821 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REFORMATION OF CERTAIN TAXES AND TAX EQUITY.](#)

Last Action: Public Hearing 03/15 (March 11, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Mary Daugherty Abrams \(D\)](#)

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.

CT - SB893 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY.

Last Action: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/07/21 5:00 PM (April 1, 2021)

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.

CT - SB1002 AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING MATTERS.

Last Action: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (March 29, 2021)

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.

CT - SB1025 AN ACT CONCERNING SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES.

Last Action: Public Hearing 03/15 (March 11, 2021)

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.

CT - SB1038 AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION.

Last Action: Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (March 30, 2021)

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.