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# **Connecticut Lodging Association**

**Weekly Legislative Report**

**February 5, 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 - HB5158 AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE.**

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

Summary:

To specify certain parameters for a room or other location in the workplace that accommodates employee breastfeeding.

Actions:

**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 13, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

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

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

Summary:

To reduce duplicative sexual harassment training requirements for certain employees.

Actions:

**January 15, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

**CT - HB5377 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF COVID-19 RELATED LAYOFFS FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXPERIENCE ACCOUNT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021.**

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

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

Summary:

To provide relief to businesses as a result of Covid-19 related losses.

Actions:

**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 - HB5561 AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR.**

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

Summary:

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

Actions:

**January 26, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**CT - HB5562 AN ACT CONCERNING OUTDOOR DINING AND COVID-19.**

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.

Actions:

**January 26, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development

**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 - HB5702 AN ACT DELAYING SCHEDULED INCREASES IN THE MINIMUM WAGE.**

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

Summary:

To delay scheduled increases in the minimum wage.

Actions:

**January 27, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**CT - HB5823 AN ACT CONCERNING ECO-TOURISM IN CONNECTICUT.**

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

Summary:

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

Actions:

**January 28, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Environment

**CT - HB5930 AN ACT PROMOTING DIVERSITY ON CORPORATE BOARDS.**

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.

Actions:

**January 28, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

**CT - HB5948 AN ACT UPDATING AND REFORMING THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.**

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

Summary:

To update and reform the Unemployment Trust Fund.

Actions:

**January 28, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**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 \(R\)](#)

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:

**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 Connecticut by directing additional funds into the Tourism Fund, renaming the fund to better represent the full scope of the sector and ensuring equitable funding among arts, culture, and tourism initiatives.

Actions:

**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 - HB6181 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE AFFECTED BUSINESS ENTITY TAX.**

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.

Actions:

**January 29, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

**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.**

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

Cosponsors:

[Representative Catherine F. Abercrombie \(D\)](#)

[Representative Jay M. Case \(R\)](#)

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

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

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

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

[Representative Jillian Gilchrest \(D\)](#)

[Representative Kerry Szeps Wood \(D\)](#)

[Representative Tammy R. Exum \(D\)](#)

[Representative Kate Farrar \(D\)](#)

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.

Actions:

**February 3, 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

Summary:

To require employers to disclose salary ranges for vacant positions and to provide comparable pay for comparable work.

Actions:

**February 4, 2021**

- Public Hearing 02/09

**February 3, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**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:

**February 2, 2021**

- Vote to Draft

**January 8, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce

**CT - SB22 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.**

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.

Actions:

**January 8, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

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

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.



Actions:

**January 22, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

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

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

Cosponsors:

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

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

[Representative Gary A. Turco \(D\)](#)

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

Summary:

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

Actions:

**January 26, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

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

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

Cosponsors:

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

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

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

Summary:

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

Actions:

**January 26, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

**CT - SB430 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICTS.**

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:

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

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

## Summary:

To prohibit on-call shift scheduling.

## Actions:

**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 \(D\)](#)

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:

**February 3, 2021**

- Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding