



STATE OF CONNECTICUT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services



Legislative Update # 8

February 13, 2015

In addition to the budget address next week there are public hearings on bills of interest that have been scheduled. They are as follows:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The General Law Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 10:00 A.M. in Room 3500 of the LOB. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to Committee staff at 10:00 A.M. in Room 3500 of the LOB. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

Proposed H.B. No. 5771 AN ACT AUTHORIZING PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE NINETY DAY PRESCRIPTIONS.

Proposed H.B. No. 5782 AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE OR ADMINISTER AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO TREAT OR PREVENT A DRUG OVERDOSE.

Proposed H.B. No. 5784 AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACISTS AND ABUSE-DETERRENT OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS.

HOUSING COMMITTEE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Housing Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.** in **Room 2D** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 12:00 P.M. in Room 2D of the LOB. Please submit 35 copies of written testimony to Committee staff at 12:00 P.M. in Room 2D of the LOB. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to HSGtestimony@cga.ct.gov. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to

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SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Housing Bills

Proposed H.B. No. 6462 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM. .

S.B. No. 888 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES..

H.B. No. 6756 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MEDICAL RESPITE FOR THE HOMELESS.

H.B. No. 6757 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

H.B. No. 6759 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF BED BUG INFESTATIONS.

H.B. No. 6760 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING.

H.B. No. 6761 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

The Veterans' Affairs Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 1B** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 12:00 P.M. in First Floor Atrium of the LOB. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to Committee staff at 12:00 P.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Taxes; Veterans' affairs

S.B. No. 903 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

S.B. No. 905 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR THE TREATMENT OF VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

S.B. No. 906 (RAISED) AN ACT CREATING THE INCARCERATED VETERANS REINTEGRATION COUNCIL.

Proposed H.B. No. 5108 AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Proposed H.B. No. 6370 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE CREATION OF A VETERANS TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

Proposed H.B. No. 6378 AN ACT PROVIDING VETERANS' PREFERENCES IN THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6389 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY RAPID REHOUSING.

Proposed H.B. No. 6390 AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

Proposed H.B. No. 6391 AN ACT INCREASING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

H.B. No. 6780 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS COMMON TO VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF VETERANS.

**HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

The Human Services Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 12:00 P.M.** in **Room 2A** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 8:30 A.M. in the Second Floor Atrium of the LOB. Please submit 35 copies of written testimony to Committee staff no later than 10:00 A.M. in Second Floor Atrium of the LOB. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to HStestimony@cga.ct.gov. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Raised Bills

S.B. No. 897 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR RENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

H.B. No. 6763 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL INNOVATION.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

The Public Safety and Security Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** at **West Hartford Town Hall**, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, West Hartford, CT, 06107. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 4:30 P.M. and will conclude at 6:00 P.M. at West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, West Hartford, CT, 06107. Please submit 35 copies of written testimony to Committee staff from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, West Hartford, CT 06107. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to PStestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first

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SUBJECT MATTER: Hoarding; Smoke and CO2 Detectors; Blasting; Fire Sprinklers

Proposed S.B. No. 18 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOARDING

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Friday, February 20, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at phc.testimony@cga.ct.gov. Please submit electronic testimony no later than 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 19, 2015. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit 10 copies of written testimony no later than 9:00 A.M. on Friday, February 20, 2015 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. Testimony submitted after the deadline will not be available until after the hearing. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health related bills

H.B. No. 6708 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION STATUTES.

Proposed H.B. No. 5521 AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSURE OF MASTER'S-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 23, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at phc.testimony@cga.ct.gov. Please submit electronic testimony no later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 21, 2015. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit 10 copies of written testimony no later than 9:00 A.M. on Monday, February 23, 2015 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. Testimony submitted after the deadline will not be available until after the hearing. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health related bills

Proposed H.B. No. 5528 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO PRESCRIBE NARCOTIC DRUGS.

Proposed S.B. No. 471 AN ACT REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Proposed S.B. No. 110 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON REPORTS OF THREATS AND ASSAULTS AGAINST HOSPITAL EMPLO

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