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Aging

Senate Bill 993 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING. To define the functions, powers and duties of the Department on Aging. (section 19 of HB 7005 delays the reestablishing of the Department on Aging to July 1, 2010)

Education

House Bill 5145 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION OF STUDENTS ON THE PREVENTION OF SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME. To prevent death and injury to infants by educating middle school and high school students on shaken baby syndrome.

Environment / Ecology / Allergies and Asthma

Senate Bill 857 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AT STATE PARKS. To provide and pay for emergency medical care at state parks.

Senate Bill 924 AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON STATE FUNDED ARTIFICIAL TURF ATHLETIC FIELDS AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS. To impose a moratorium on the use of state funds for the installation of a new artificial turf athletic field and to require existing fields to post a sign warning of the toxins contained in the field.

General Law

Senate Bill 35 AN ACT CONCERNING MOTORIZED SHOPPING CARTS. To require certain large retailers to have motorized shopping carts in their retail stores for use by customers.

Senate Bill 1080 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION IN RESTAURANTS. To require certain restaurants to disclose on such

restaurants' standard printed menus total calorie counts for standard menu items along with information that identifies major food allergens used in the preparation of such standard menu items. **VETOED BY GOVERNOR, NO OVERRIDE ATTEMPT**

Health Care

Senate Bill 90 AN ACT REQUIRING CHIROPRACTORS TO OBTAIN INFORMED WRITTEN CONSENT FROM A PATIENT PRIOR TO PERFORMING CERTAIN PROCEDURES INVOLVING TREATMENT OF THE CERVICAL SPINE. To require a chiropractor to obtain informed written consent from a patient prior to performing a procedure involving treatment of the cervical spine.

Senate Bill 751 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES BY CERTAIN STAFF OF THE EMERGENCY MOBILE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES PROGRAM. To permit designated professionals operating within the Department of Children and Families' Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (EMPS) program the authority to issue emergency certificates directing that a child with psychiatric disabilities be hospitalized for an evaluation.

Raised Senate Bill 1050 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACADEMIC DETAILING PROGRAM. This bill requires the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC), in consultation with the Yale School of Medicine, to develop, implement, and promote an evidence-based outreach and education program concerning the therapeutic and cost-effective use of prescription drugs. This type of program, known as "academic detailing," is directed at licensed physicians, pharmacists, and other health care professionals authorized to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs.

House Bill 5195 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF INTERRAI ASSESSMENT TOOLS TO PROMOTE LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING AND BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS. To promote greater use of evidence-based assessment tools that ensure that older individuals are allowed to age in place when possible and assist in transitioning individuals out of nursing home facilities into less restrictive residential settings.

House Bill 6265 AN ACT CONCERNING SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY. To revise the definition of "the practice of speech and language pathology".

House Bill 6310 AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT PATIENT ACCESS TO LABORATORY TEST RESULTS. To allow patients direct access to medical test results unless a medical provider indicates that such direct access would be harmful to the physical or mental health of the patient.

Housing

Senate Bill 28 AN ACT CONCERNING PRIORITY FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING BY ELDERLY OR DISABLED PERSONS WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS. To protect the health of elderly or disabled tenants of subsidized housing who are forced to move because of medical conditions.

Senate Bill 373 AN ACT CONCERNING STORAGE OF PERSONAL ITEMS OF EVICTED TENANTS. To repeal the property storage mandate on municipalities.

Senate Bill 548 AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OF ADULT AUTISTIC CHILDREN. "That section 17a-227 of the general statutes be amended to

provide that the Department of Developmental Services shall, to the extent practicable, provide not less than two months advance notice to a parent caring for an adult autistic child, when such parent receives notification from the department that placement in a residential facility is available for such child."

Proposed House Bill 5071 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE. To provide additional funds for supportive housing expansion. Goes from \$5 to \$40 million. (section 20 of **HB 7007**, passed during special session, does include funding for the "Next Steps Initiative)

House Bill 5538 AN ACT CONCERNING STORAGE OF POSSESSIONS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF EVICTED TENANTS.

House Bill 5871 AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DISPOSITION OF POSSESSIONS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF EVICTED TENANTS.

House Bill 6596 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HALFWAY HOUSES. To require municipal land use commissions and boards to provide notice to the chief of police, fire chief and chief elected official of any application for a proposed public or private halfway house, group home, mental health facility or approved community residence, and to establish a state-wide database of such facilities.

Human Services

Senate Bill 210 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STREAMLINED APPLICATION FOR STATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

SB 342 AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT FOR HUSKY RECIPIENTS.

Senate Bill 344 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF PODIATRY SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

Senate Bill 450 AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT.

Senate Bill 489 AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE.

Senate Bill 634 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR MEDICATIONS USED TO SAFELY TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION.

Senate Bill 819 AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HUSKY PROGRAM. To improve the HUSKY program by requiring the Commissioner of Social Services to conduct a review of the HUSKY Program and submit a report to the joint standing Human Services Committee not later than January 1, 2010, describing areas of the program needing improvement and providing recommendations for such improvements. Also, DSS commissioner would be required to establish and implement a recovery-oriented behavioral peer support telephone service to assist HUSKY Plus recipients with behavioral health needs.

Senate Bill 927 AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALITY OF SERVICES FOR RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES UNDER A MEDICAID WAIVER. To improve services for Medicaid beneficiaries, including improvement of the quality of services provided to recipients of state services under federal Medicaid waivers by coordinating care, certifying and tracking providers, improving provider training and reducing turn-over of providers'

employees.

Senate Bill 955 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF A TREATMENT PLAN FOR A CHILD'S OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC AND COUNSELING SERVICES. To eliminate the requirement, under Department of Children and Families' regulations, that a child sign off on his treatment plan in order to avoid an atmosphere of discord between the guardian and child which may inhibit needed treatment. The parent or legal guardian is required to sign off on the treatment for a child under the age of eighteen.

Senate Bill 990 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANDING THE HUSKY FORMULARY. To expand the HUSKY formulary by allowing mental-health-related drugs to be included on the preferred drug lists.

Senate Bill 1060 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUPPORTED LIVING IN GROUPS HOMES. To establish an account to aid supported living in group homes. Private donations would be accepted.

Senate Bill 1087 AN ACT CONCERNING CONNPACE PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVIEWS. To save money in the ConnPACE program by ensuring that program beneficiaries are on effective medication therapies.

Proposed House Bill 5057 AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE.

Proposed House Bill 5230 AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR TRANSITIONING YOUNG ADULTS.

Proposed House Bill 5232 AN ACT CONCERNING A CHILD'S AUTHORIZATION OF A CLINICAL TREATMENT PLAN FOR PSYCHIATRIC AND COUNSELING SERVICES. To eliminate the requirement of the Department of Children and Families that minor children approve or authorize their own clinical treatment.

House Bill 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION OF CARE AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

House Bill 5600 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE FACTUAL INFORMATION REGARDING LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

House Bill 6400 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT.

House Bill 6418 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME PATIENTS.

House Bill 6609 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY PROVIDER RESCUE FUND ACCOUNT AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES COMMISSION. To establish a community provider rescue fund, community-based services commission and capital improvement fund to stabilize the funding of necessary services for children and adults with disabilities, persons with substance use disorders and persons with mental illness.

House Bill 6639 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES. To assist community action agencies in effectively and efficiently providing services.

Insurance

Senate Bill 75 AN ACT REQUIRING WRITTEN NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. To require advance notice to insureds and health care providers if coverage for any medical test or health screening is being discontinued.

Senate Bill 290 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BONE MARROW TESTING.

Senate Bill 292 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENTS. To require individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for acupuncture treatments for the purpose of enhancing fertility.

Senate Bill 296 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BONE DENSITY SCREENINGS. To require individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for annual bone density screenings for women over fifty-five years of age.

Senate Bill 299 AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ROUTINE PATIENT CARE COSTS FOR CLINICAL TRIAL PATIENTS.

Senate Bill 638 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COLONOSCOPIES FOR COLON CANCER SURVIVORS.

Senate Bill 757 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUGS. This bill prohibits retail pharmacists from substituting any alternative for a drug prescribed to treat epilepsy or prevent seizures without the prior written approval of the prescribing practitioner. The law already permits a prescriber to tell a pharmacist not to substitute a generic drug for any brand name one.

Senate Bill 1022 AN ACT CONCERNING GUARANTEED ISSUE FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS. To require individual health insurance policies and plans and subscriber agreements to be offered on a guaranteed issue basis, and to make conforming changes.

House Bill 5021 AN ACT CONCERNING WELLNESS PROGRAMS AND EXPANSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. This act (1) requires group health insurers to offer health wellness programs that provide insured people participation incentives and (2) allows the insurance commissioner, in consultation with the public health commissioner, to adopt regulations regarding such programs. It (1) requires health insurance policies to cover, subject to specified conditions, prosthetic devices and human leukocyte antigen (bone marrow) testing and (2) prohibits insurers from charging an insured person for a second or subsequent colonoscopy a physician orders for him or her in a policy year. **VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR**

House Bill 5024 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BONE MARROW TESTING. To require health insurance coverage for expenses arising from bone marrow testing.

House Bill 5093 AN ACT CONCERNING PROSTHETIC PARITY. This bill requires a health insurance policy to cover prosthetic devices, and repairs and replacements to them, subject to specified conditions. It defines a "prosthetic device" as an artificial

device to replace all or part of an arm or leg. It excludes a device that (1) contains a microprocessor or (2) is designed exclusively for athletic purposes.

House Bill 5172 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM.

House Bill 5436 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE AND GUIDE DOGS.

House Bill 5671 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PROSTHETIC DEVICES.

House Bill 5672 AN ACT EXPANDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS FOR CHILDREN.

House Bill 5673 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WIGS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HAIR LOSS DUE TO A DIAGNOSED MEDICAL CONDITION.

House Bill 6240 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM. (**SB 301** AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS To expand group health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders **did pass**)

House Bill 6582 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP.

House Bill 6583 AN ACT CONCERNING LUMP SUM PAYMENTS FOR SPECIFIED DISEASE POLICIES. To allow individual and group specified disease policies to offer a one-time lump sum payment in lieu of or in addition to other payment options.

Judicial / Including Criminal Justice / Legal Representation / Discrimination

Senate Joint Resolution 63 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE TO ELIMINATE THE PROBATE COURTS. **Other Probate reform legislation passed, 6384 and 7001.**

Senate Bill 348 AN ACT CONCERNING THE VIDEOTAPING OF CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS.

Senate Bill 576 AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS JURISDICTION ACT. To adopt provisions of the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act to clarify requirements with respect to interstate conservatorships.

Senate Bill 641 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTIONS BASED ON BRAIN TRAUMA. To assist victims of brain trauma who may be unable to effectively act or communicate on their own behalf by extending the statute of limitations in medical malpractice actions with respect to brain trauma.

Senate Bill 929 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD OR YOUTH FROM A HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN CERTAIN JUVENILE MATTERS . To prohibit a court from removing a child or youth from a hospital or other health care facility without first holding an evidentiary hearing on such removal.

Raised Senate Bill 1065 AN ACT CONCERNING A PRETRIAL DIVERSIONARY

PROGRAM FOR VETERANS. To provide a diversionary program for veterans suffering from service-related traumatic brain injury or post traumatic stress syndrome who are accused of a crime.

House Bill 5199 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK OF YOUTH CAMP EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS. To protect the safety and well-being of our youth. (this bill has incorporated "**House Bill 5146** AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF CAMP EMPLOYEES WHO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS. To ensure the safety of children with special health care needs who attend licensed youth camps.") Both bills died.

House Bill 5445 AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR SEEKING OR OBTAINING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR A DRUG-RELATED OVERDOSE. To provide immunity from prosecution for possession of a controlled substance for a person who seeks or obtains medical assistance for a drug-related overdose.

House Bill 6027 AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT REFORMS. To implement a strategic plan for the probate court system and thereby improve the efficiency and strengthen the professionalism of the probate courts. **Other Probate reform legislation passed, 6384 and 7001.**

House Bill 6031 AN ACT CONCERNING PAROLE AND PROBATION TRANSPARENCY. To give law enforcement and local communities more tools to track ex-offenders who might reoffend and to help community-based organizations identify ex-offenders and assist their reentry into the community.

House Bill 6383 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE. To implement the Governor's budget recommendations and (1) establish a seven-hundred-fifty-thousand-dollar cap on noneconomic damage awards in medical malpractice cases, and (2) provide for periodic payment of noneconomic damage awards that exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

House Bill 6533 AN ACT CONCERNING A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION ADVISORY COMMISSION. To establish an advisory commission to review policies and practices of the Department of Correction and make recommendations concerning such policies and practices, legislation and funding.

House Bill 6627 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR JUDGES OF PROBATE AND CERTAIN PROBATE COURT PROCEDURES. To: (1) Require judges of probate to complete annual continuing education on evidentiary matters, and (2) require a court of probate to appoint a stenographer in a proceeding upon written request of a party or the party's attorney. **Other Probate reform legislation passed, 6384 and 7001.**

House Bill 6629 AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANS AD LITEM AND CONSERVATORSHIPS. To provide that a person who is subject to a proceeding to appoint a conservator or who has been appointed a conservator shall not be appointed a guardian ad litem in a probate, family or other proceeding.

House Bill 6645 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PERSONS PLACED OR TREATED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES. To prohibit a person who has disciplinary or supervisory authority over a person placed or treated in a facility or program by the Commissioner of Developmental Services from engaging in sexual activity with such other person.

Labor / Including Worker's Comp / FMLA

Senate Bill 360 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM. To encourage the employment of individuals on the autism spectrum who have received state-funded training or educational benefits. Creates a tax credit.

Senate Bill 714 AN ACT CONCERNING RETALIATION FOR USE OF PAID SICK LEAVE. To prevent retaliation from employers for an employee's use of their accumulated paid sick leave.

House Bill 5249 AN ACT CONCERNING TIMELY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR INJURED WORKERS. To ensure that workers' compensation claimants get prompt medical treatment.

House Bill 6192 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRESUMPTIONS FOR METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

House Bill 6332 AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH CARE AIDES AND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. To designate certain home health care aides as independent contractors.

Long Term Care

Senate Bill 16 AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE. To provide a personal income tax deduction for certain long-term care expenses.

Senate Bill 245 AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS THAT ENABLE THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES. To encourage seniors and the disabled to remain in their homes by providing property tax relief for home improvements or renovations made to enable them to do so.

Senate Bill 716 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REDUCTION OF BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER A LONG-TERM DISABILITY POLICY BY AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE INSURED IN SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS. To allow people to purchase an option that would eliminate the ability of an insurance company to reduce the amount payable under a long-term disability policy by the amount the insured receives in Social Security payments or other disability payments.

Senate Bill 845 AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF NURSING HOMES.

Senate Bill 876 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF NURSING HOME OWNERS FOR NEGLIGENCE AND ABUSE OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS.

Senate Bill 928 AN ACT CONCERNING HAND RAILS IN MANAGED RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES. To improve the safety of residents of managed residential care communities.

Senate Bill 982 AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTED LIVING. This bill prohibits any entity from using the term "assisted living" in its name, title, advertising, or other public messages unless it owns, operates, or manages a (1) licensed assisted living services agency (ALSA) or (2) managed residential care community in which an ALSA provides services. The Public Health Department licenses ALSAs and regulates

managed residential care communities. By law, these communities must give their residents access to an ALSA's services and must afford them specified rights. An entity that uses the term in violation of the bill's prohibition commits an unfair trade practice.

House Bill 5017 AN ACT CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES IN MANAGED RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES. To allow elderly citizens greater self-sufficiency and continuity of care through promotion of assisted living services at managed residential communities.

Program Review and Investigations

Senate Bill 752 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING ASSESSMENT OF THE NEEDS OF AGING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. This bill requires the Public Health Department (DPH) to report certain results of its annual nursing home licensing survey to the Developmental Services Department (DDS) when they involve a DDS client or someone who may qualify for DDS services. If the home is not providing certain services recommended for the individual, it requires DPH to tell DDS why. And it requires DDS, if budgeted funds are available, to use its best efforts to ensure the person receives those services.

Senate Bill 753 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING PLANNING FOR THE NEEDS OF AGING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. This bill creates a separate, nonlapsing General Fund account to hold money the state receives from selling, leasing, or transferring any property or facility the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) controls or administers. The account's principal and any earnings on the investment of that principal must be used to provide residential or day services to people on DDS's waiting list. The General Assembly must appropriate any expenditures from the account.

The bill requires DDS, within its budget, to inventory all real property under its care or control. By law, the Public Works Department must maintain an inventory of all state-owned and -leased property (CGS § 4b-24). The DDS inventory must include the properties' appraised value, if known. It must be completed by July 1, 2009 and reported by the same date to Public Health; Appropriations; Finance, Revenue and Bonding; and Legislative Program Review and Investigations committees.

Transportation

Senate Bill 38 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT FOR SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORTS. To have the Department of Social Services recognize and pay for specialty care transports.

Senate Bill 428 AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY STATE AGENCIES.

Senate Bill 444 AN ACT CONCERNING PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS. This bill establishes several new requirements with respect to the issuance and use of handicapped parking windshield placards, including:

1. requiring anyone issued a placard to have either a Connecticut driver's license or a non-driver photo identification card;

2. requiring a placard to expire and be renewed when the recipient's license or identification card has to be renewed;
3. requiring the newly issued placards to contain additional information;
4. requiring placards to be returned to the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) commissioner when the recipient moves to another state or dies;
5. establishing a \$ 500 fine for using a placard after the person to whom it was issued dies; and
6. requiring a person's certification of eligibility for the credential to be made under penalty for false statement.

The bill also requires the DMV commissioner to (1) establish an on-line procedure for members of the public to file complaints of violations of the handicapped parking laws and (2) evaluate alternative enforcement methods and certain other issues related to the handicapped parking laws and submit recommendations to the Transportation Committee by January 15, 2010.

Senate Bill 699 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN LOW SPEED NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES. To permit the registration and use of certain low speed neighborhood electric vehicles.

Senate Bill 739 AN ACT FACILITATING THE DRIVING OF LOW POWERED ELECTRICAL VEHICLES. To facilitate the driving of low powered electrical vehicles.

Senate Bill 1093 AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL MATCHING GRANTS FOR DEMAND-RESPONSIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. To continue funding for the municipal matching grant program to provide demand-responsive transportation for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. For each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2011, the sum of four million dollars in the projects account of the Transportation Strategy Board shall be used for the purpose of providing municipal matching grants for demand-responsive transportation for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

House Bill 5033 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF PARKING NEEDS AT RAILROAD AND OTHER MASS TRANSIT STATIONS. To increase the use of mass transit for commuting by providing adequate parking for commuters at mass transit stations.

House Bill 5068 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN "MINI-VEHICLES" ON HIGHWAYS. To permit the use of certain low-speed vehicles in Connecticut.

House Bill 5089 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS. To permit the operation of low-speed electric vehicles on certain highways.

House Bill 5247 AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF THE DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION OF DIALYSIS PATIENTS. To ensure that dialysis patients can access Dial-A-Ride program funds for transportation to and from their dialysis appointments.

House Bill 5640 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRANSIT STOPS. At least five per cent of federal economic recovery funds received by the state for highway purposes shall be used to improve pedestrian access to

transit stops, and at least one per cent of state highway funds shall be allocated for the improvement of such access for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and for each state fiscal year thereafter.

House Bill 6072 AN ACT PERMITTING PASSENGERS BOARDING TRAINS TO TAKE BICYCLES ONTO SUCH TRAINS. To increase the use of alternative transportation, reduce the need for use of cars and thereby reduce gridlock on Connecticut roads. (from Rep. Kehoe)

House Bill 6078 AN ACT CONCERNING NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES. To provide registration and equipment standards for neighborhood electric vehicles and to permit their operation on highways with posted speed limits of thirty miles per hour or less.

Voting

Senate Bill 910 AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS. To establish a system for the automatic mailing of absentee ballots to persons who are permanently disabled and unable to go to the polling place on election day.