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**NOTE: ALL FIRE FIGHTERS NEED TO CALL THEIR LEGISLATORS REGARDING H.B. 5629 NOW!  
SEE YOUR LOCAL PRESIDENT FOR INSTRUCTIONS.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**H.B. 5629 AAC WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY RESCUE WORKERS** has been passed out of the Labor Committee **UNANIMOUSLY!**

**ALL MEMBERS MUST NOW CALL THEIR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES MAILED TO ALL LOCAL PRESIDENTS.**

PLEASE DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO ENCOURAGE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO MAKE THEIR PHONE CALLS. THIS BILL WILL NOT PASS WITHOUT YOUR EFFORTS. THIS BILL WILL BE A DIRECT BENEFIT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES, PLEASE DON'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS WITHOUT STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE.

**MAKE PHONE CALLS NOW!**

## HOUSE BILLS

**H.B. No. 5039** REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ENHANCED 9-1-1 SERVICE DATABASE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations. – 3/26/2008 Referred by House to Committee on Government Administration and Elections 3/19/2008 (LCO) File Number 52 3/19/2008

House Calendar Number 46 3/19/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House 3/19/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/13/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/18/08 5:00 PM 3/6/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/6/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable Substitute 2/15/2008 Public Hearing 02/19 2/7/2008 Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security

**H.B. No. 5040** REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SAFETY DATA NETWORK', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations. 3/20/2008 Referred by House to Committee on Appropriations 3/11/2008 (LCO) File Number 15 3/11/2008 House Calendar Number 29 3/11/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House 3/11/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/4/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/10/08 5:00 PM 2/28/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 2/28/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable Substitute 2/15/2008 Public Hearing 02/19 2/7/2008 Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security

**H.B. No. 5058** REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT REDEFINING TERMS CONCERNING THE SPENDING CAP', to implement the constitutional limitation on the amount of expenditures that may be authorized by the General Assembly by redefining, with the approval of

three-fifths of the members of each house, certain terms related to the spending cap.

#### **REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

**H.B. No. 5059** REP. DELGOBBO, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL SPENDING CAP', to implement the constitutional limitation on expenditures by the General Assembly.

**H.B. No. 5066** REP. KALINOWSKI, 100th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS FROM THE STATE INCOME TAX', to recognize the special career contributions of veterans and federal, state and municipal civil service retirees. - 2/11/2008 Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

**H.B. No. 5067** REP. KALINOWSKI, 100th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to allow recipients of retirement income to retain such income without tax liability. - 2/11/2008 Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding **REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

**H.B. No. 5115** (RAISED) **LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.** 'AN ACT CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS IN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STATUTES', to clarify definitions within the municipal employee collective bargaining statutes as it pertains to union membership. **REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES** 2/22/2008 *Public Hearing 02/28*

**H.B. No. 5248** REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY', to remove pension and Social Security income from personal income tax calculations. **REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

**H.B. No. 5286** REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES', to increase amounts paid to municipalities for payments in lieu of taxes for state-owned properties and colleges and hospitals. **REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT** 2/21/2008 *Public Hearing 02/25 2/15/2008*

(PD) *Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing*

**H.B. No. 5281** REP. FREY, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL', to permit police officers, firefighters and emergency services personnel to collect workers' compensation for injuries sustained while responding to off-duty emergencies. **REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**H.B. No. 5288** REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF', to increase state payments in lieu of taxes for state property and property owned by colleges and hospitals. **REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**H.B. No. 5306** REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; SEN. STILLMAN, 20th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEES PAID FOR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES BY FIREFIGHTERS', to eliminate a state fee for vanity plates for firefighters. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**H.B. No. 5416** (COMM) **HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT.** 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TUITION WAIVER FOR VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS ATTENDING COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES', to provide tuition waivers for volunteer first responders at community-technical colleges. **REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT** 2/29/2008 *Public Hearing 03/04 2/26/2008 Referred to Joint Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement 2/25/2008 Drafted by Committee*

**H.B. No. 5484** (RAISED) **LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.** 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ACT', to extend the time period for the purchase of credit for military service in the municipal employees' retirement system. **REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES** 3/27/2008

(LCO) File Number 230 3/27/2008 House Calendar Number 134 3/27/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House 3/27/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/20/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/26/08 5:00 PM 3/12/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/11/2008 (LAB) Joint Favorable 2/29/2008 Public Hearing 03/06

**H.B. No. 5531 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT ADOPTING THE REVISED UNIFORM ARBITRATION ACT'**, to respond to the increased use of arbitration in resolving disputes and revise and modernize arbitration procedures by adopting the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act. **REF. JUDICIARY 3/24/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/24/2008 (JUD) Joint Favorable 2/28/2008 Public Hearing 03/03**

**H.B. No. 5559 REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN STUDENTS'**, to encourage people to enter into the nursing and emergency medical technical fields so that the state can continue to provide quality healthcare to those in need. **REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT**

**H.B. No. 5569 REP. CARUSO, 126th DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. KEELEY, 129th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A FIRE STATION IN BRIDGEPORT'**, to authorize bonds of the state for a combined ladder and hose engine fire station in Bridgeport. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**H.B. No. 5570 REP. HARKINS, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A GRANT TO STRATFORD FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURPOSES'**, to appropriate funds for a grant to Stratford for emergency management related purchases. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**H.B. No. 5629 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY RESCUE WORKERS'**, to establish a rebuttable presumption that a firefighter, police officer or emergency rescue worker who contracts hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, tuberculosis or certain other diseases is eligible for workers' compensation provided he or she meets certain requirements. **REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 3/24/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/31/08 10:00 AM 3/12/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/11/2008 (LAB) Joint Favorable Substitute 2/29/2008 Public Hearing 03/04**

**H.B. No. 5646 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY PAID EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OR PAID FIREFIGHTERS'**, to prohibit municipalities from banning their paid firefighter personnel and emergency personnel from serving as volunteer firefighters in another municipality during personal time. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY - Public Hearing 02-26 3/26/2008 Referred by House to Committee on Labor and Public Employees 3/20/2008 (LCO) File Number 119 3/20/2008 House Calendar Number 80 3/20/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House 3/20/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/14/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 3/19/08 5:00 PM 3/5/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/4/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable**

**H.B. No. 5647 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBSIDIZATION OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTERS'**, to exempt certain fire departments that rely on a secondary answering point for emergency telecommunications services from a reduction in E-9-1-1 funding. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY 3/24/2008 (LCO) Referred**

to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/31/08 10:00 AM 3/13/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/13/2008 Emergency Certification Pursuant to Joint Rule 15(d) Subsection(1) 3/11/2008 (ET) Joint Favorable 3/6/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Energy and Technology 3/5/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Energy and Technology 3/5/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/5/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/4/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable Change of Reference Energy and Technology 2/22/2008 Public Hearing 02/26

**H.B. No. 5660 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING "ROBO" CALLS'**, to prohibit certain political "robo" calls and limit the use of such "robo" call technology. **REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS** - Public Hearing 02/29

**H.B. No. 5669 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT SHIELDING FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT INSTALL SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FROM LIABILITY'**, to shield fire departments that install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors from any liability stemming from such installation. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY** - Public Hearing 03/04 3/11/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Judiciary 3/11/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Judiciary 3/10/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/6/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/6/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable Change of Reference Judiciary

**H.B. No. 5674 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT'**, to authorize regional councils of government to share tax benefits, impose taxes and promote intermunicipal cooperation, decision-making and regional success. **REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**H.B. No. 5678 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRESUMPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION'**, to provide workers' compensation presumptions for employees of the Department of Correction. **REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES** 3/17/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Judiciary 3/14/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Judiciary 3/13/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/12/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/11/2008 (LAB) Joint Favorable Change of Reference Judiciary 2/29/2008 Public Hearing 03/04

**H.B. No. 5802 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE'**, to provide processes for the interpretation, alternative compliance, penalties under and appeals pursuant to the State Fire Prevention Code, to delete the prohibition against inspecting manufacturing establishments, and to permit the local fire marshals and State Fire Marshal to issue citations and apply for an injunction when a hazardous condition exists. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY** - Public Hearing 03/04 3/26/2008 Referred by House to Committee on Judiciary 3/20/2008 (LCO) File Number 125 3/20/2008 House Calendar Number 86 3/20/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House 3/20/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/14/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/19/08 5:00 PM 3/6/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/6/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable

## **SENATE BILLS**

**S.B. No. 63 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT'**, to reinsert the post-traumatic stress disorder clause into the Workers' Compensation Act. **REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EM-**

**PLOYEES** *Public Hearing 03/04*

**S.B. No. 180 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINING'**, to provide for the full funding of entry level fire service personnel training and to appropriate two and one-half million dollars a year for such training. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY - Public Hearing 02/19 3/28/2008 (APP) Joint Favorable Substitute 3/5/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Appropriations 3/5/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Appropriations 3/4/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 2/28/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 2/28/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable Change of Reference Appropriations**

**S.B. No. 486 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES OF MUNICIPALITIES'**, to provide the same number of weeks of family and medical leave to municipal employees that state employees receive. **REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES - Public Hearing 03/06 3/27/2008 (LCO) File Number 216 3/27/2008 Senate Calendar Number 169 3/27/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate 3/27/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/20/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/26/08 5:00 PM 3/13/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/13/2008 (LAB) Joint Favorable Substitute**

**S.B. No. 500 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHWAY WORK ZONE SAFETY'**, to create a Highway Work Zone Safety Advisory Council to protect highway workers in work zones, and to establish the offenses of "endangerment of a highway worker" and "aggravated endangerment of a highway worker". **REF. TRANSPORTATION Public Hearing 03/05 3/27/2008 (LCO) File Number 217 3/27/2008 Senate Calendar Number 170 3/27/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate 3/27/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office**

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**S.B. No. 540 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT DOUBLING THE FINES FOR MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS OCCURRING IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AREAS'**, to double the fine for moving motor vehicle violations that occur in emergency response areas. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY - Public Hearing 03/04 3/28/2008 Referred by Senate to Committee on Transportation 3/20/2008 (LCO) File Number 84 3/20/2008 Senate Calendar Number 102 3/20/2008 Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate 3/20/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/14/2008 (LCO) Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/19/08 5:00 PM 3/6/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/6/2008 (PS) Joint Favorable**

**H.B. No. 5809 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, INITIAL CERTIFICATION AND RETENTION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL'**, to require the Department of Public Health to study issues surrounding the recruitment, training, initial certification and retention of emergency services personnel in the state. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH 3/20/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Appropriations 3/19/2008 Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Appropriations 3/19/2008 (LCO) Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/17/2008 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office 3/14/2008 (PH) Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference Appropriations 3/7/2008 Public Hearing 03/12**

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