

CONNECTICUT HEATING & COOLING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (CHCC) The 2022 "short" session of the Connecticut General Assembly adjourned last week after the legislature spent the waning hours debating and passing the state budget. While technically only a budget "adjustment" to the second year of the biennial state budget, House Bill 5506 was a massive (673 pages) bill that not only adjusted spending and revenue for the state, but also contained the "implementation" language necessary to make certain policy changes, including a continuation of the suspension of the state's \$0.25/gallon gasoline tax through December 1; \$40 million of additional federal money to help pay down the state's unemployment insurance trust fund debt; and a cap on local property taxes for motor vehicles; among other tax relief measures. Most notably for CHCC, however, is that the budget implementation language incorporated several bills during the session dealing with HVAC in schools and Indoor Air Quality.

**Bill Number:** [HB05003 - An Act Concerning The Unemployment Trust Fund.](#)

**Summary:** To support the Unemployment Trust Fund to ensure availability to more workers in the future, reduce the impacts of the pandemic and assist in business recovery.

**Last Action:** 03/18/2022 - Appropriations Public Hearing (00:00 3/18/2022 )

**Bill Number:** [HB05142 - An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility For Certain Gas Cylinders.](#)

**Summary:** To provide a stewardship program for the return and recycling of certain common consumer gas cylinders.

**Last Action:** 05/05/2022 - Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor

**Bill Number:** [HB05151 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Homemaker-companion Agencies, Contractors, Heating Fuel, Food Establishments, Continuing Education And Appraisals.](#)

**Summary:** To: (1) Require certain licensed contractors who, and businesses that, perform work on private residences to include certain information in invoices for completed work and services; (2) redefine "consumer" and "heating fuel" for certain statutes concerning heating fuel; (3) redefine "accredited continuing professional education" to enable electricians and plumbers to receive required continuing education through an online technology platform that includes real-time video and enables participants to interact with instructors in real-time; (4) redefine "appraisal management company" for certain statutes concerning appraisals and appraisers; (5) define "immediate family member" for certain statutes concerning homemaker-companion agencies; (6) restrict which individuals may serve as an agent under a power of attorney for an individual who is contracted with a homemaker-companion agency; (7) establish an exception to the general requirement that a contract concerning work performed on a private residence provide a consumer with a right to cancel such contract; (8) require certain licensed contractors who, and businesses that, enter into contracts to perform work on private residences provide to consumers, free of charge, copies of such contracts and amendments thereto; (9) change the deadline by which public accountants must complete their required continuing education prior to license renewals; (10) provide that a certificate of zoning approval shall not be required prior to issuing a new license to a bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse if the proposed use conforms to existing zoning requirements; (11) eliminate a licensing requirement for food warehouses; and (12) make conforming, minor and technical changes to the consumer protection and related statutes.

**Last Action:** 02/22/2022 - General Law Public Hearing (00:00 2/22/2022 )

**Bill Number:** [HB05200 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Hydrogen Power.](#)

**Summary:** To create a task force to study hydrogen power technology.

**Last Action:** 05/03/2022 - On Consent Calendar / In Concurrence

**Bill Number:** [HB05202 - An Act Exempting Existing Nuclear Power Generating Facilities In The State From The Nuclear Power Facility Construction Moratorium.](#)

**Summary:** To provide an exemption to existing nuclear power generating facilities in the state from the nuclear power facility construction moratorium.

**Last Action:** 05/04/2022 - In Concurrence

**Bill Number:** [HB05245 - An Act Concerning Forced Arbitration Agreements And Allowing Certain Court Actions To Be Brought On Behalf Of The State.](#)

**Summary:** To allow employees to sue employers on behalf of the state after having waived their personal rights to sue by signing forced arbitration agreements.

**Last Action:** 04/06/2022 - Referred by House to Committee on Judiciary

**Bill Number:** [HB05248 - An Act Concerning Collateral Consequences Of Criminal Convictions On Occupational Licensing.](#)

**Summary:** To address the collateral occupational licensing consequences of a criminal record.

**Last Action:** 05/04/2022 - In Concurrence

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05330 - An Act Concerning Cannabis Advertising And The Department Of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Consumer Protection Statutes.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To: (1) Define "boat", and redefine "cafe" and "restaurant", for the purposes of the Liquor Control Act; (2) specify which liquor permits may be voided by a town vote; (3) further specify that liquor permits generally expire annually; (4) authorize additional permittees to sell alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption; (5) specify when spouses and surviving spouses of members of certain clubs are considered club guests; (6) authorize the Department of Consumer Protection to issue to clubs special club permits for picnics; (7) exempt certain permits from placarding requirements; (8) modify a provision mandating refusal to issue certain liquor permits to certain persons; (9) allow a backer or permittee of an airline permit and an in-state transporter's permit for a boat to be a backer or permittee of another permit class; (10) provide that duplicate permits issued to boats operating under in-state transporter's permits and duplicate railroad permits shall be recorded with the New Haven town clerk; (11) establish operating hours for club permits, certain manufacturer permits and Connecticut craft cafe permits; (12) provide that the holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit (A) must also hold a manufacturer permit, and (B) may satisfy the requirement that food be available on the permit premises through direct and indirect food deliveries by outside vendors located on or near such premises; (13) generally prohibit any minor from being employed in handling any alcoholic liquor upon, delivering any alcoholic liquor to or carrying or conveying any alcoholic liquor from any permit premises; (14) allow an unaccompanied minor to remain on certain permit premises while the minor is waiting for, and consuming, food prepared on such premises; and (15) make conforming, minor and technical changes to the Liquor Control Act and related statutes.
<b>Last Action:</b>	05/04/2022 - On Consent Calendar / In Concurrence

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05353 - An Act Concerning A Fair Work Week Schedule.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To require certain employers to provide advance notice to certain employees of the employees' work schedule.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/25/2022 - No Action

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05355 - An Act Concerning Domestic Violence Posting In The Workplace.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To require postings and trainings on sexual and domestic violence to employees of state agencies.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/27/2022 - File Number 668

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05439 - An Act Concerning Wage Theft Responsibility.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To make a contractor liable for the unpaid wages of its subcontractor.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/26/2022 - Tabled for the Calendar, House

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05442 - An Act Concerning Unemployment Compensation Experience Rates.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To study the effects on certain businesses that had their experience rate increase despite the passage of public act 21-5.
<b>Last Action:</b>	05/04/2022 - In Concurrence

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05443 - An Act Concerning Disclosure Of Social Security Numbers On Employment Applications.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To reduce the potential for unauthorized access of job applicants' personal information.
<b>Last Action:</b>	03/31/2022 - File Number 236

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05476 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Partial Fee Reductions By Municipal Stormwater Authorities And The Inclusion Of Heating, Ventilating And Air Conditioning Systems In School Building Project Grant Payments.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To (1) establish partial fee reductions for properties with certain stormwater management systems, and (2) include heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems in the projects eligible for school building project grants.
<b>Last Action:</b>	05/02/2022 - House LCO Amendment #6347 (R)

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05479 - An Act Concerning Indoor Air Quality In Schools.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To require local and regional boards of education to maintain healthy indoor air quality in their schools.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/20/2022 - Referred by House to Committee on Appropriations

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>HB05495 - An Act Reestablishing The Legislative Program Review And Investigations Committee And Concerning State Contractor Prequalification And Real Estate Acquisitions Of The University Of Connecticut.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To reinstate the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, require prequalification applicants to disclose certain adverse administrative proceedings and to require purchases of real property by The University of Connecticut to obtain the approval of the State Properties Review Board, Attorney General and Office of Policy and Management.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/20/2022 - Referred by House to Committee on Appropriations

---

**Bill Number:** [HB05506 - An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2023, Concerning Provisions Related To Revenue, School Construction And Other Items To Implement The State Budget And Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State.](#)

**Summary:** An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2023, Concerning Provisions Related To Revenue, School Construction And Other Items To Implement The State Budget And Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State.

**Last Action:** 05/07/2022 - Signed by Governor in Original

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00004 - An Act Concerning The Connecticut Clean Air Act.](#)

**Summary:** To reduce carbon emissions by expanding public and private utilization of electric vehicles in Connecticut to protect human health and the environment.

**Last Action:** 05/05/2022 - Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00010 - An Act Concerning Climate Change Mitigation.](#)

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Last Action:** 05/05/2022 - Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00163 - An Act Protecting Employee Freedom Of Speech And Conscience.](#)

**Summary:** To prohibit an employer from coercing any employee into attending or participating in a meeting sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.

**Last Action:** 05/05/2022 - Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00210 - An Act Concerning Technical And Other Changes To The Labor Department Statutes.](#)

**Summary:** To make technical and other changes to the Labor Department statutes.

**Last Action:** 05/03/2022 - In Concurrence

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00256 - Act Concerning Catalytic Converters.](#)

**Summary:** To impose restrictions on and require recordkeeping by motor vehicle recyclers, scrap metal processors and junk dealers when purchasing catalytic converters.

**Last Action:** 05/06/2022 - Public Act 22-43

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00259 - An Act Making Technical Corrections To A Fire Safety Code Statute.](#)

**Summary:** To make technical corrections to a Fire Safety Code statute.

**Last Action:** 03/24/2022 - File Number 121

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00292 - An Act Concerning Heating Efficiency In New Construction And Major Alterations Of Residential Buildings.](#)

**Summary:** To (1) prohibit the use of electric resistance or fossil fuel combustion systems in new residential construction or major alterations of residential buildings; and (2) establish a program for training and education of construction professionals in certain alternative residential heating sources.

**Last Action:** 04/26/2022 - Senate LCO Amendment #5400 (R)

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00312 - An Act Concerning The Expansion Of Connecticut Paid Sick Days.](#)

**Summary:** To expand paid sick days and domestic worker coverage.

**Last Action:** 04/13/2022 - File Number 443

---

**Bill Number:** [SB00318 - An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings.](#)

**Summary:** To prohibit an employer from coercing employees into attending or participating in meetings sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.

**Last Action:** 04/04/2022 - File Number 266

---

<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB00343 - An Act Concerning A Military Occupational Specialty Working Group And A Grant Program For The Reimbursement Of Certain Licensing, Certification, Registration Or Tuition Fees.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To (1) establish a working group to revisit the work of the military occupational specialty task force established under special act 13-5 and the legislative changes enacted in public act 14-131, and (2) establish, and appropriate funds for, a grant program for the reimbursement of certain licensing, certification, registration and tuition fees.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/19/2022 - Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
<hr/>	
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB00366 - An Act Concerning Civil Penalties For Failure To Comply With Prevailing Wage Laws.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To: (1) Allow the Labor Commissioner to issue fines and citations to contractors and subcontractors who violate the state's prevailing wage laws; and (2) permit the Attorney General to commence a civil action against a contractor or subcontractor who repeatedly violates the state's prevailing wage laws.
<b>Last Action:</b>	03/18/2022 - Judiciary Public Hearing (00:00 3/18/2022 )
<hr/>	
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB00407 - An Act Concerning The Development And Implementation Of A Post-covid-19 Women's Return To Work Economic Development Plan.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Workforce Strategy and regional workforce development boards, to develop and implement a Post-COVID-19 Women's Return to Work Economic Development Plan.
<b>Last Action:</b>	05/04/2022 - In Concurrence
<hr/>	
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB00418 - An Act Concerning Wage Theft.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To: (1) Allow the Labor Commissioner to issue fines and citations to contractors and subcontractors who violate the state's prevailing wage laws; and (2) permit the Attorney General to commence a civil action against a contractor or subcontractor who repeatedly violates the state's prevailing wage laws.
<b>Last Action:</b>	05/05/2022 - Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor
<hr/>	
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB00423 - An Act Improving Indoor Air Quality In Public School Classrooms.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To require local and regional boards of education to maintain healthy indoor air quality in their schools.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/26/2022 - Senate LCO Amendment #5371 (D)
<hr/>	
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB00426 - An Act Concerning False Claims And Other Prohibited Acts.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To expand the scope of the state's false claim statutes by removing provisions that limit application of these statutes to a state-administered health or human services program.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/27/2022 - Senate LCO Amendment #5557 (R)
<hr/>	
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<a href="#"><u>SB00473 - An Act Concerning The State Contracting Standards Board.</u></a>
<b>Summary:</b>	To make revisions to provisions concerning the State Contracting Standards Board, including by giving the board authority over quasi-public agency and municipal procurement, requiring the hiring of full-time staff for the board, prohibiting the Governor from reducing allotments to the board and limiting the selection of contractors from a list without a competitive process to emergency procurements.
<b>Last Action:</b>	04/29/2022 - House Calendar Number 531

---