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2012 Laws Affecting Seniors

Dear Friends,

Seniors have dedicated a lifetime to serving their families, their community and their country. Therefore as a state it is important that we respond to the needs and concerns of our senior citizens. In speaking to many of you, I have come to understand the issues that affect your daily life. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.



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Elderly Rental Rebate Program

We have extended from four to six months the period for submitting applications under the rental rebate program for the elderly and totally disabled. Renters can now apply from April 1st through October 1st.

Veterans Memorials

Honoring the present and past sacrifices of our veterans is one of my highest priorities. It is shocking to see an increase in thefts and vandalism of veteran memorials. We increased penalties for desecrating veteran's memorials beyond the monetary value of what was vandalized.

Long-Term Care

A new law requires a nursing home and residential care home to notify prospective and current residents if it is placed in receivership or files for bankruptcy. It also requires an assisted living facility to provide such notice if it files for bankruptcy.

Grandparent Rights

As we all know, family relationships are complicated and emotional, and grandparents can sometimes be separated from their grandchildren's lives particularly when divorce, death or disagreements occur. We passed legislation that helps grandparents seeking visitation rights by providing a guide of required evidence so a court can better assess each unique situation. This includes showing that a parent-like relationship exists and that a denial of visitation rights could cause harm to the child. A court must grant the request if clear and convincing evidence has proven these conditions exist. In the end, it is important that decisions are made in a child's best interests and this legislation helps do that.

Insurance

Insurers will now be barred from charging a deductible for procedures a physician initially undertakes as a colorectal cancer screening colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy. Currently some insurers are charging a deductible when a polyp is discovered and removed.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Area Agency on Aging	800.994.9422
ConnPACE	800.423.5026
Consumer Protection	800.842.2649
CT Veterans Affairs	860.529.2571
CT Tax Department	860.297.5962
DSS Elder Services	866.218.6631
Healthcare Advocate	866.466.4446
Infoline	211
Medicare Hotline	800.633.4227
US Veterans' Benefits	800.827.1000
Unclaimed Property Hotline	800.833.7318
AT&T Customer Service	800.870.2020
CL&P Customer Service	800.286.2000
Yankee Gas	800.989.0900
Public Utility Authority	800.827.1553