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M.O.S. CODES FOR VETERANS

The Veterans Committee will focus on helping returning overseas military veterans find good jobs. In order to ease the transition and ensure they can find employment, the legislature will look at applying Military Occupational Specialty codes towards the qualifications for certain positions. Veterans may use M.O.S. codes they operated and were proficient under when applying for certain jobs. Allowing the training they received while in the military will put our returning veterans back to work quicker and provide our workforce with the skilled employees they need.

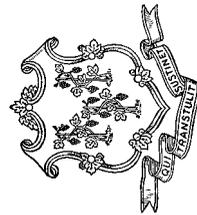
**OTHER BILLS CO-SPONSORED
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HB 5133 - Locates funding for the Healthy Homes Initiative, a program which provides homeowners with the financial support needed to make the necessary improvements in regards to the health and safety of their household.

HB 5436 - Creates a medical respite pilot program to provide temporary shelter for those who are homeless and need extended recovery.

HB 5438 - Establishes procedures for both tenant and landlords when remediating an apartment infested with bedbugs.

HB 5483 - Extends the Foreclosure Mediation Program another four years, which provides mediation to homeowners in jeopardy of losing their home. For help with foreclosure, call **Neighborhood Housing Services at (203) 753-1896.**



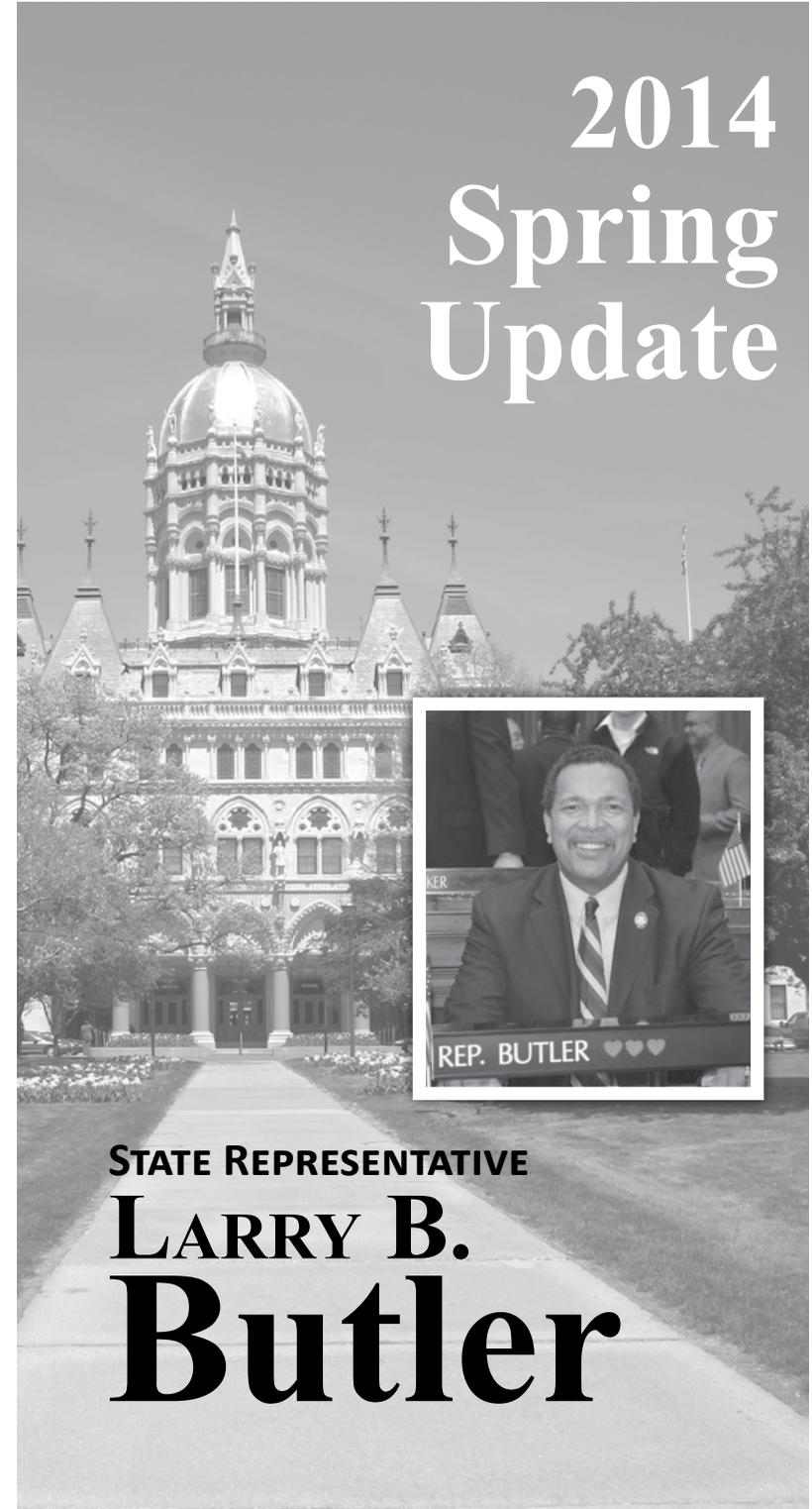
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JOB CREATION PROGRAMS

We have worked hard in recent sessions implementing programs like STEP-UP and I-BEST, that have proven to help Connecticut residents find good jobs and enhance their education.

STEP-UP events provide small business owners with information about state incentives to hire as well as train workers to better prepare them for work. Businesses may receive subsidies for hiring long-term unemployed workers and veterans returning to the workforce after deployment. Over 2,000 unemployed residents have been hired under the STEP-UP program so far. Every STEP-UP event held in Connecticut has seen many participants, far exceeding initial expectations.

The I-BEST program provides Connecticut residents who don't have a GED the ability to combine GED preparations with job training so they can enter the workforce with the skills and education to get a job quickly. Also, we will work to adopt a "career pathway" workforce program focused on manufacturing, which will allow adult students to receive an Advanced Manufacturing Training Certificate. Students will work at a manufacturing facility a few days a week while attending college level classes.

**I-BEST
PROGRAM**

STEPUP

**STEPUP
FOR VETS**



ELDERLY & DISABLED RENTER'S REBATE

I co-sponsored legislation to counter efforts to curtail the Rental Rebate Program.

The bill, HB 5001, would allow new qualified renters to enter the program, end the permanent disqualification of qualified recipients who failed to reapply, and include the appropriate funding in the upcoming budget.

I am working with legislative leadership and have gained the support of the Committee on Aging who held a public hearing on the bill.

AGING IN PLACE

We are considering legislation that would assist seniors in staying in their homes. Some of the ideas under consideration develop more livable communities for seniors through:

Creating a grant program promoting home and service-based support systems; such as transportation, meals, and maintenance.

Incentivizing transit-oriented development projects targeting senior populations, which may include accessory or in-law apartments, home modifications, and home shares that are located near transportation services.

Providing funds for individuals to retrofit and update their homes to accommodate their change in lifestyle.

Offering opportunities for municipalities to be recognized as "Aging in Place Ready Communities" by meeting certain requirements.

