

FROM THE DESK OF
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
LOUIS P. ESPOSITO, JR.

Dear Neighbor,

The 2007 session of the General Assembly helped build a strong foundation for Connecticut's future. Using our experience to facilitate new initiatives to make our streets safer and our possibilities endless has been well worth the effort.

As you read this newsletter, take a moment to notice that this year we've worked hard to increase education funding in a reasonable manner, protect the good health of the young and elderly alike, sustain economic opportunities for those who need them most, and develop common sense laws to safeguard us all.

It's important to me that your voice be heard at our State Capitol. The work I continue to do here is a testament to your beliefs and our communities' commitment to a better Connecticut. With your participation, your willingness, and your support, there is no doubt in my mind that our city has a secure and productive future to come.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions and comments and continue to allow me to proudly serve you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rep. Lou Esposito



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IF YOU
HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS...
...DON'T
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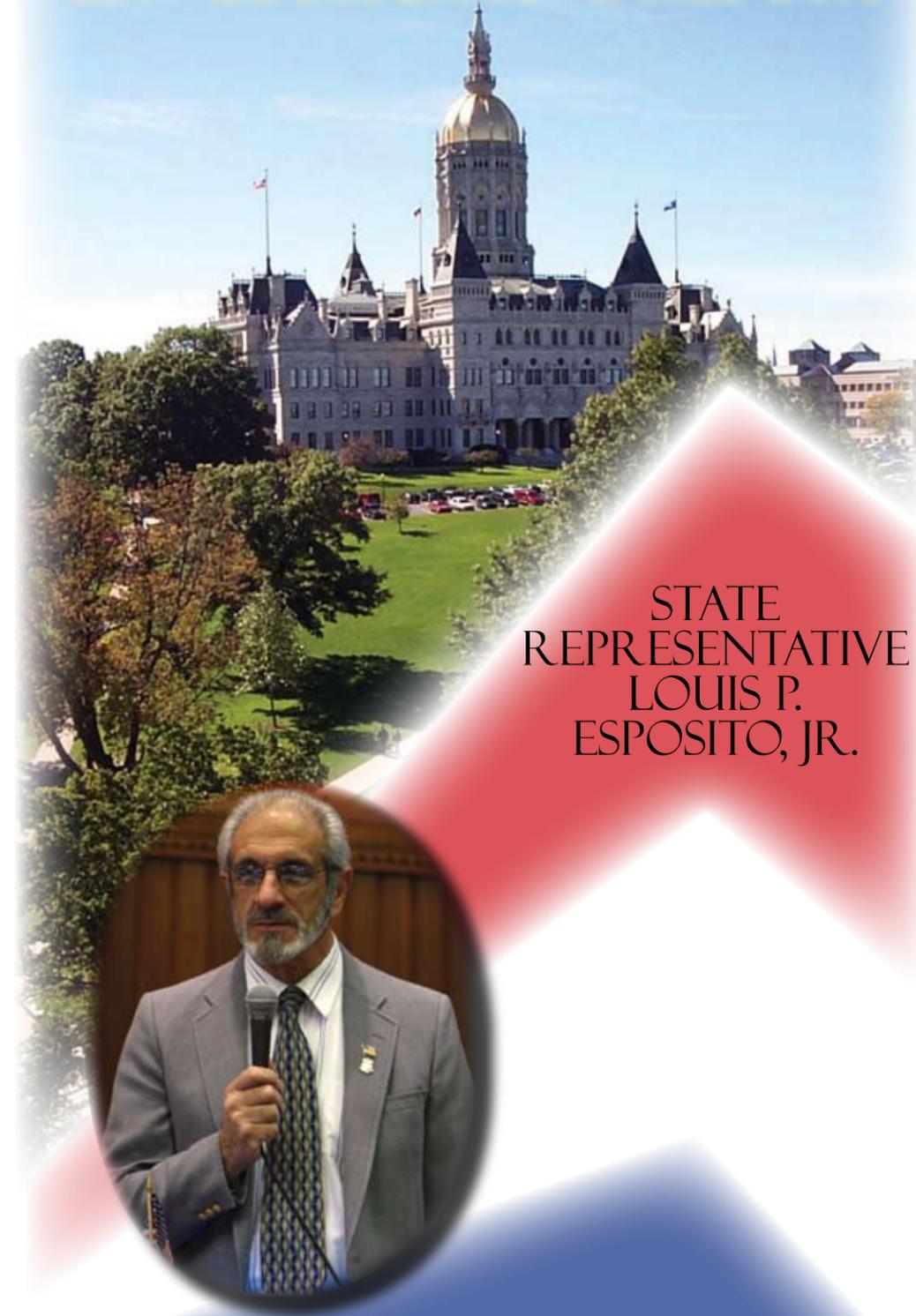


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CT Partnership for Long-Term Care	1-800-547-3443
Commission on Aging	1-860-240-5200
Medicare Advocacy	1-800-262-4414
Connecticut Legal Assistance	1-800-413-7796
New Car "Lemons"	1-860-713-6120
Consumer Protection	1-800-842-2649
Tax Department	1-800-382-9463
Unclaimed Property Hotline	1-800-833-7318

2007 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



STATE
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PROUDLY SERVING
THE 116TH DISTRICT
OF WEST HAVEN

RAISING THE GRADE

NEW SCHOOL SUSPENSION RULES

Beginning July 1, 2008, the maximum time for in-school suspensions will be extended from five to ten days. Suspensions will now be required to be in-school suspensions unless the school administration determines, at the required informal suspension hearing, that the student poses a danger to persons or property or the student is so disruptive of the educational process that he or she

must serve the suspension outside of school.

Students will be allowed to be placed under in-school suspension up to 15 times or a total of 50 days in one school year, whichever results in fewer days. Students can be suspended out-of-school only 10 times or 50 days in one school year, whichever results in fewer days.

PA 07-66 (HB 7350)

IDENTIFYING SCHOOL BUSES

This legislative session the Connecticut General Assembly approved legislation to require that all public school buses have painted on the rear and sides of the vehicles the name of the school bus company, the company's telephone number, and the school bus's identification number. For several sessions Rep. Esposito has introduced and pushed for this important law. This past year it was passed and signed by the Governor. PA 07-224 (HB 6955)

FUNDING THE UNFUNDED

Working hard with the Senate and crossing across party lines, Representative Esposito helped pass SB 848 which creates a municipal fund with which Connecticut towns and cities can receive low interest loans to assist in properly maintaining their employee pensions. Through this vital piece of legislation, the future looks brighter for the hard working men and women of Connecticut's townships. PA 07-204 (SB 848)



SUPPORTING HEROES



Representative Esposito and Speaker Amann announce the awarding of a state grant to the Allingtown Fire Department.

This year Representative Esposito was able to help secure a state grant of \$150,000 for the Allingtown Fire Department. As part of the overall state budget that was approved in June, this money will go to help the fire department continue to serve 15,000 local residents.

"I am very happy that I was able to work with the House leadership to receive this funding for the fire department," Representative Esposito said. "This grant will help ease the burden for the tax payers within our district."

HELPING SENIORS

UNFOUNDED DENIALS OF COVERAGE

The length of time an insurance company can look back into an individual's medical history to deny coverage or claims is now only two years as a result of legislation approved by the General Assembly. Individuals holding or applying for all types of health insurance policies are assured that a denial of a claim or the rescinding of a policy must be approved by the Insurance Commissioner. PA 07-113 (SB 1214)

SENIOR DRIVING INSURANCE DISCOUNT

Drivers aged 60 and up are now eligible for an automobile insurance policy premium discount after successfully completing a Department of Motor Vehicles approved accident prevention course. It is a great opportunity to stay safe and save money. For more information, contact the AARP at 1-888-227-7669. PA 07-5 (SB 109)



NEWS FOR VETERANS

PROTECTING THE CAREERS OF THOSE WHO SERVE

New legislation enables members of the Armed Forces or National Guardsmen called to duty by the Governor to maintain certain professional licenses, certificates, permits and registrations while on duty by providing a one year grace period to renew from the time the member is discharged from active service.

PA 07-157 (HB 7167)



DISRUPTION OF FUNERALS

In recent years, a radical intolerant religious group has engaged in protests at the funerals of members of the US armed services. The General Assembly sought to stop these disruptions and return respect to these heroes' funerals. Under this bill, a protest within 150 feet of a funeral will become a class A misdemeanor which will be punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both. PA 07-98 (HB 6060)

MEDICAL UPDATES

CONTROLLING CANCER TREATMENT COSTS

Costs can be prohibitive when a patient can only receive their treatment at a hospital outside the network of their health insurance policy or HMO contract. Now, for certain cancer clinical trials, patients will only need to pay their usual in-network service copayment or deductible required under their health plan. PA 07-67 (SB 389)

ADMINISTRATION OF FLU & PNEUMONIA VACCINES

To help prevent the spread of flu or pneumonia, we have worked to increase access to vaccinations. Nurses employed by licensed home health care or homemaker-home health agencies can now provide these vaccines to patients in their homes without obtaining a physician's order for each shot. Trained nurses have been running flu clinics



outside the home for years, and this new law makes it easier for these professionals to keep us healthy. PA 07-9 (SB 1195)