



For Seniors, a Safer & Healthier Connecticut

As Chair of the Aging Committee I want to share with you some important steps we have taken to make Connecticut a healthier and safer place for seniors.

I have outlined a few key bills that my colleagues and I enacted this year. As always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns about this year's legislative session, the budget, or any other matter.



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PREVENTING FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS

To protect seniors from fraudulent marketing practices, we prohibited financial consultants and life insurance agents from advertising that they are certified to advise seniors unless they have completed a qualified training program or meet state standards for certification.

PROTECTING PATIENTS AT NURSING HOMES

We expanded the Nursing Home Bill of Rights to prohibit the solicitation of gifts or donations as a condition of admission for all patients and extending that protection to third parties, such as families and friends.

INSURING ACCESS TO DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

To make sure that seniors can take advantage of all discounts offered to them by businesses, stores must now have a prominent sign at the cash register, store entrance or point of display stating their discount policy, including the qualifying age and discount percentage or dollar amount.

LOCATING MISSING SENIORS

Connecticut now has Silver Alert, which is modeled after the Amber Alert system for missing children. This will help locate missing seniors and mentally impaired adults by broadcasting an emergency missing persons notice to radio and television stations through the Emergency Alert System, as well as through 2,800 CT Lottery system retailers & electronic billboards.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOMECARE

New rules expand access to affordable personal care assistance under the Connecticut Homecare Program for Elders. This can provide assistance with daily living activities and help many seniors remain independent in their homes rather than enter a nursing home.

MAKING MEDICATIONS MORE ACCESSIBLE

Many people with glaucoma and other eye conditions may require difficult to use therapeutic eye drops that can easily be depleted before the next renewal. Insurance companies will be required to provide refills if prescription eye drops run out before refill date.

Useful Numbers

INFOLINE	211
Consumer Protection	800.842.2649
CT Tax Department	860.297.5962
Healthcare Advocate	866.466.4446
Unclaimed Property Hotline	800.833.7318
US Veterans' Benefits	800.827.1000
ConnPACE	800.423.5026
CT Veterans Affairs	800.550.0000
DSS Elder Services	866.218.6631
Medicare Hotline	800.633.4227



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