

SENIOR UPDATE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and yours well. As State Representative, responding to the needs of our seniors has always been a top priority of mine. I want to share with you some of the legislation passed this year to better the lives of seniors in our community and our state. This includes details on a new Elder Justice Hotline. If you have questions or if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-240-8568 or email me at [Alphonse Paolillo@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Paolillo@cga.ct.gov).

I look forward to hearing from you.

All my best,



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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF EXPANDED

HB 6458, *An Act Lowering the Age of Eligibility for Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens and Establishing a Task Force to Protect Senior Citizens from Fraud*, gives towns the ability to lower the age to 65 to provide property tax relief for seniors and as described, creates a task force to prevent fraud targeted at seniors.

PHASING OUT THE INCOME TAX ON PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES

HB 6689, *An Act Concerning the State Budget*, continues to phase out the state income tax on pensions and annuities - exempting an additional 28% over the next 2 years, which will exempt in total 70% of this income from state taxes for most seniors.

BANNING AGE DISCRIMINATION

SB 56, *An Act Deterring Age Discrimination in Employment Applications*, prohibits age discrimination during the employment application process.



NURSING HOME RIGHTS

HB 6457, *An Act Concerning Access to Recordings and Images from Technology Used by Nursing Home Residents for Virtual Visitation and Virtual Monitoring*, expands the rights of nursing home residents and ensures they can use technology to facilitate virtual visits with family and friends.

RENTERS' REBATE

Based on legislation I introduced with Senator Looney we exempted seniors and the disabled from the burdensome yearly landlord verification requirement if they previously verified an address. This requirement also can't delay submission of an application for the renters' rebate program and still allows for extensions for medical reasons.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

New Haven Elderly Services

203-946-8550

New Haven Senior Centers

203-946-8541

Center for Medicare Advocacy

800-262-4414

Office of the Healthcare Advocate

866-466-4446

Department of Social Services

855-626-6632

United Way Infoline (General Assistance)

Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

Department of Rehabilitation Services

800-537-2549

The Elder Justice Hotline

860-808-5555

Connecticut has created a resource to help older residents navigate state services. Operators will be able to provide assistance for various Elder Justice issues, such as aged based discrimination in the workplace to abuse and neglect. The hotline will be staffed by the Attorney General's Office Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. You can also find more info and an online complaint form here at: portal.ct.gov/ag/elderhotline

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