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CAPITOL UPDATE NEWS

Check your inbox every Monday for your **Capitol Update** in the CBA's *Weekly Docket* during this year's legislative session (January 4 - June 7). Visit ctbar.org/capitolupdate to view the latest newsletters and videos.

Capitol Update Newsletter

Each week, the Capitol Update Newsletter you have come to know and love will provide a recap of the past week at the Capitol and the Legislative Office Building as well as what to expect during the coming week.

Capitol Update Video Series - New

Stay current as the CBA's lobbyist, Bill Chapman, guides you through the 2017 legislative session with latest news, interviews, CBA position updates, and more in a brief video each week.

COUNTDOWN

This Wednesday, June 7 midnight.

IN SESSION

The House and the Senate will be in session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, close to midnight Monday and Tuesday, concludes Wednesday at midnight.

THE BUDGET CHALLENGE

The budget will definitely not be ready on June 7. Thus, a special session will take place most likely the last week of the month. A couple of our bills, because the budget will not have passed should be placed on the budget implementer. Those would be Civil Gideon and Benefit LLC.

IN THE CAPITOL

Legislation is moving slowly at this time of year with three more days in session. A number of bills are being called but then are PT (pass temporarily) because the "other side" has an amendment or has questions and time moves with no resolution, so the leader will call PT. Then after resolving

the problem, the bill is announced a few hours later and is passed within a couple of minutes. A number of bills (those thought to be the major issues), this session will either be passed through the budget implementer, will become a task force or study group, or will die this year. These include marijuana, crumbling concrete, tolls, campaign finance, and casinos. The minority legislators may hold up work unless “police accountability” is discussed. The nomination of a family court magistrate has been PT. He may or may not move from the Senate to the House for discussion. Not everything will get approved this week. And on the other hand, most unapproved legislation will not find itself in the Budget Implementer which describes what is actually in the budget. Hopefully the budget will get approved by the end of June, but even that is in doubt.

The Senate is 18 Democrats and 18 Republicans and the House is 79 Democrats and 72 Republicans. The Republicans always had been overwhelmed and had to back down. That’s no longer how things are in Dodge City any more. It will be a more active summer at the Capitol.

BILL STATUS

Signed by the Governor

[HB6695](#) An Act Concerning the Protection of Youth from Conversion Therapy
[SB976](#) An Act Concerning Conservator Accountability

Passed in both Chambers

[HB7309](#) An Act Concerning Human Trafficking
[SB816](#) An Act Concerning the Application of the Uniform Commercial Code to Certain Funds Transfers under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act
[HB7196](#) An Act Concerning Nonadversarial Dissolution of Marriage

Passed in the House

[HB7046](#) An Act Concerning the Closure of Certain Building Permits
[HB7100](#) An Act Concerning American Legion State Fund Commission Transparency and Municipal Option Property Tax Exemptions for Certain Veterans
[HB7311](#) An Act Concerning Limited Liability Companies and Business Corporations

Passed in the Senate

[SB884](#) An Act Adopting the Connecticut Uniform Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making Documents Act and Revising the Connecticut Uniform Power of Attorney Act
[SB938](#) An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations for the State-Wide Adoption of the Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Program

Still Working

[SB364](#) An Act Concerning Access to Legal Counsel for Indigent Individuals in Certain Civil Matters Involving Allegations of Abuse
[HB5742](#) An Act Concerning Threatening of a Judge
[SB12](#) An Act Establishing Benefit Limited Liability Companies

[HB5134](#)

An Act Concerning Consent Orders Entered into by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection

CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO

[Don't miss this week's video featuring Rep. Scott Storms](#) (R) of Windsor, a small firm principal serving his first term in the House of Representatives. Rep. Storms was in the first group leaving Bridgeport to graduate from Quinnipiac Law School.