

SHELTON AARP CHAPTER 3240

4/16/2019 CHAPTER MEETING

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - UPDATE

Current Proposed Bills in Legislature Hearings, etc.: Update from March Report:

1. Transportation Infrastructure funding – 2 Bills (Bills being reviewed/revised)
 - a. Democratic Bill calls for 82 toll stations in CT (I-95, I-84, Route 15, I-91, Route 8, Route 9, I-691, and I-291 would all have tolls.)
 - b. Governor Lamont's bill call for 50 toll stations
 - c. Reps. Perillo and McGorty voted against tolls proposals.
 - d. Shelton Alderman (March 28) passed a resolution opposing the tolls.
 - e. Appears to be strong anti-toll sentiment in state and legislature

NOTE: Contact your legislators who are seeking your feedback on the proposed legislation.

2. Increasing State minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. Four year phase in.
 - a. From \$10.10 to \$15.00
 - b. Small businesses and republicans are against this proposal.
 - c. **Sentiment seems to be against the passage of this proposal.**

NOTE: Contact your legislators who is seeking your feedback on the proposed legislation

3. Streamlining Pension Tax process – Republicans proposing to get rid of a 2017 law that requires pension administrators to withhold taxes throughout the year. This will require seniors to file paperwork to get a financial return even if they fell below the minimum income level to file paperwork.
 - a. This has been on the back burner versus other proposals (e.g. Tolls, Marijuana, etc.).

NOTE: Contact your legislators with your concerns (Yes or No)

4. Legislative Activities:
 - a. Monday, April 29 – Representative McGorty with Rep. Rutigliano holding a Healthcare Forum at the Trumbull Town Hall, Council Chamber at 5866 Main Street in Trumbull. Time – 6:30-8:00 pm.
 - b. Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee – SB 877 which would implement the revenue side of the Governor's proposed budget. This bill includes a proposal to repeal an income tax exemption for social security, pension and annuity income that was supposed to go into effect this year. **AARP opposes this proposal.**

- c. CT AARP – Prescription Drug Campaign being launched this week. There will be tele-town hall to reduce the cost of prescription drugs in CT.
- d. Family and Medical proposals as a mandatory program with a payroll deduction is facing an uphill struggle within the CT legislature.

NOTE: Please contact your local legislators with your opinion and concerns. They are still seeking input from their constituents.