

SHELTON AARP CHAPTER 3240

2/11/2019 BOARD MEETING

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Proposed Legislation & Priorities (Review 2019 Major Issues report)

1. Transportation Funding - Tolls:
 - a. DOT is proposing 82 tolls throughout CT
 - b. Routes: I-95, I-84, Route 15, I-91, I-395, Route 8, Route 9, I-691 and I-291.
 - c. Give response – In Favor (YES) or Not in Favor (NO) to your representatives NOW!
2. Legislative concept of applying a state sales tax to groceries and non-prescription medicine. Current sales tax is 6.35% with a promise to lower the overall sales tax.
3. Forum held on Electricity Rates – Monday, January 28th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Shelton City Hall Auditorium
 - a. State Representatives Jason Perillo & Ben McGorty and Senator Kevin Kelly hosted the PURA information session.
4. 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 have to file paperwork to get a financial return even if they fell below the minimum income level to file paperwork. Contact your representative with your concerns (Yes or No)
5. Paid Family and Medical Leave – The General Assembly may consider expanding the state's Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to provide limited wage replacement benefits to employees who are out on FMLA leave.
6. Recreational Marijuana – The General Assembly will likely consider bills on this issue as an effort to increase revenue to the state.
7. Eliminate local car tax and implement a statewide car tax. Revenue would be redistributed to local cities and towns. One result is that cities/towns could lose revenue that they may seek through new local tax increases.
8. Legislative Update – Monday, February 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Shelton City Hall Auditorium.