



## Consumers

### Credit for Fishing & Hunting Licenses

Sports enthusiasts who bought their licenses early this year and paid a higher price will be eligible for a credit that will be applied to the next license, permit, or tag purchase. The DEP will reserve the credit and apply it to purchases made after October 1, 2010.

### CT Grown Foods

To encourage the production and sale of locally grown food:

» Farmers are now allowed to sell their own pickles and salsa directly to consumers

### Supporting Local Dairy

With Connecticut farmers losing as much as a dollar per gallon of milk due to high production costs, we ensured that federally collected milk fees will now be used to promote local dairy farms and milk consumption. The federal government sets milk prices.

#### Groton and New London Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Aid

PILOT: State Owned Property	\$1,453,509
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$5,637,639
Town Aid Roads	\$393,903
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$511,512
Pequot/Mohegan Aid	\$3,157,028
Adult Education	\$1,228,128
School Transportation	\$1,030,870
Educational Cost Sharing	\$48,315,554
<b>Total State Funds to Groton and New London</b>	<b>\$61,809,900</b>

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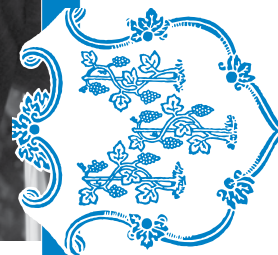
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## Environment

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

We all recognize the importance of recycling to protect our environment. Connecticut residents will now be able to recycle more through changes made to state law that:

- » Allow for more types of paper and plastic to be recycled
- » Require private trash collectors to offer recycling
- » Require recycling bins in public areas where regular trash bins are located

## Saluting Our Veterans

- » Veterans in nursing homes can now use the VA as their pharmacy, saving money for veterans and taxpayers
- » Honorably discharged retired veterans with 30 years or more of service can now apply for "retirement promotions" and move up one grade in rank
- » Active duty service members out of state will get an extension for 30 days to renew their expired driver's licenses after their return to Connecticut
- » March 30th is now designated as the official Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Day
- » Veterans can now use their military service experience and training as academic credit for certain technical certificates and licenses

## Protecting Families Responding to domestic violence in our communities

The legislature made the most sweeping reforms to our domestic violence laws in the past 25 years, which will empower educators, service providers, law enforcement officers and survivors with new tools that make:

- » Improvements to educator training and the enforcement of protective orders
- » Employment and housing protections
- » GPS monitoring for high risk offenders
- » Additional domestic violence court dockets
- » Increased staffing at 24 hour emergency shelters

## Health Care

### Moving Forward on Health Reform

The recent passage of the historic federal health care reform law will lead to welcome improvements in the quality, access and affordability of health care for Connecticut residents. This session, the legislature built on those improvements, taking steps to lower costs and enhance transparency and accountability in our health care system.

#### The new legislation:

- » Saves money for towns by allowing them to join the state in bulk purchasing of prescription drugs
- » Requires insurance companies to disclose denial rates so consumers can compare the quality of different plans
- » Extends state COBRA coverage from 18 to 30 months so laid off employees can keep their health insurance as they look for new jobs
- » Requires insurance companies to refer consumers to the state Office of the Health Care Advocate for assistance with denials of coverage
- » Improves coverage for chemotherapy patients
- » Enhances patient safety by improving hospital reporting of medical errors

## Groton and New London Save by Working Together

### Saving on School Busing

Every town in Connecticut can now save money on their school transportation costs.

- » A new grant is available for boards of education from multiple towns that work together to provide transportation services. This will be new money coming to Groton and New London school system

### Saving on Health Insurance

Cities and towns can now save money on health insurance costs.

- » Two or more towns or boards of education can join together to purchase health care benefits at lower costs. A larger group size can achieve lower premiums, better benefits for employees and more bargaining power for towns

### Taxpayers Off the Hook for Evicted Property

- » Local taxpayers have been relieved of the cost of storing the belongings of evicted tenants
- » Tenant's rights will be protected because state marshals will be responsible for removal, delivery and storage of belongings

### Lower-Cost Drugs

- » Municipalities can now take advantage of lower-cost prescription drugs through state discounts. The bargaining power, low administrative costs, and discounts negotiated by the state will save cities and towns money

## Help for Families Hit by Recession

The recession has plunged tens of thousands of Connecticut children into poverty. We responded by becoming the first state in the nation to pass a law designed to meet the most pressing needs facing children and their families.

#### The legislation:

- » Works to improve hunger, housing and employment services needed by children and families in an economic crisis
- » Creates a state leadership team to respond to children's issues when Connecticut's unemployment rate hits 8 percent
- » Seeks to ensure that Connecticut takes advantage of all available federal dollars
- » Seeks to make government more efficient, cost-effective and customer friendly for children and families during tough economic times
- » Helps families in the Care4Kids program by changing restrictive rules so that parents can get back into the workforce

## Good News for Seniors

- » Reduced seniors' cost-share for the state-funded Home Care Program for Elders from 15% to 6% – saving up to \$240 per month
- » Re-opened the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program that provides up to 30 days of respite care relief to family caregivers
- » Made it easier for seniors to qualify for automobile insurance discounts by completing a shorter, 4-hour, driver-safety course
- » Protected seniors' assets when a spouse enters a nursing home under Medicaid

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