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State Rep Terrie Wood: Here's a List of State Laws I Supported That the Legislature Passed This Term

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Editor's note: State Rep. Terrie Wood, a Republican who represents the 141st district in the state House of Representatives, emailed this message to constituents on Monday about various new state laws that she supported and that take effect today, Monday, Oct. 1:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

A number of new laws passed during the 2018 Legislative Session take effect today, **Oct 1**. These laws may have an impact on you, your business, or our community. To see a full list, please [click here](#).

I am pleased to have supported the following Public Acts in becoming law:

Public Safety

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[Public Act 18-90](#) prevents **credit agencies** from charging fees for security freezes and doubles (from one year to two) the amount of time businesses have to provide free credit monitoring if an account is hacked.

[Public Act 18-29](#) bans the sale or transfer, possession, manufacturing or use of **bump stocks** or other accessories to increase the rate of fire of a firearm.

[Public Act 18-135](#) criminalizes the act of masking the identity of a caller initiating **robo calls**.

Public Health

[Special Act 18-15](#) provides consumers with access to information regarding the safety of **sports helmets** on the State Department of Education's website.

[Public Act 18-4](#) establishes various requirements regarding the **treatment of women** - specifically pregnant inmates. In general, it requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to establish support services, such as a lactation policy, for incarcerated women, provide inmates with feminine hygiene products free of cost (upon request), reinstate its training program on mental health issues for custodial staff and use a gender-responsive approach to risk assessment.

[Public Act 18-149](#) protects patients from **unexpected costs** and fees at outpatient clinics, urgent care centers and freestanding emergency departments.

[Public Act 18-109](#) strengthens the ban on sales of **e-cigarettes** to minors by prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes through 'self-service' vending machines and by limiting access to e-cigarettes in stores.

[Public Act 18-74](#) allows pharmacists to add biological products to **generic drug** substitutions.

Energy & Environment

[Public Act 18-7](#) enables the transfer of funds from the **Passport to the Parks** account and requires special event fees at state parks to be based on the number of attendees and cover state costs related to such events.

[Public Act 18-50](#) aims to improve Connecticut's **energy future** by establishing many sustainable policies, including reconfiguring funding for the state's energy efficiency programs and establishing tariff-based programs for low-emission, zero-emission, shared clean energy and residential clean energy facilities.

[Public Act 18-73](#) provides for the offering of proof that farm products that are sold to school districts as "**Connecticut-grown**" are actually grown in the state.

[Public Act 18-84](#) limits exposures to **pesticides** by prohibiting the use of residential automatic pesticide misting systems.

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[Public Act 18-101](#) raises awareness and provides funding for efforts to fight aquatic invasive species and cyanobacteria blooms that threaten the state's lakes and ponds by establishing a "**Save Our Lakes**" license plate.

Veterans

[Public Act 18-47](#) expands eligibility for certain veterans benefits to certain individuals who have been diagnosed with **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)** or **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)** or who have had an experience of military sexual trauma.

[Public Act 18-102](#) eliminates qualifying income limits for veterans in order to improve eligibility for certain municipal option **tax exemptions**.

Business

[Public Act 18-79](#) exempts from the property tax a business's tangible **personal property** that is more than 10 years old and had an original value of not more than \$250.

Best Regards,

Terrie Wood

State Representative

141st District