



House Bill No. 5501

Special Act No. 22-2

AN ACT SUSPENDING CERTAIN GAS TAXES AND SALES AND USE TAXES ON CERTAIN CLOTHING AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR FREE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective April 1, 2022*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-458 of the general statutes, from April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, inclusive, the tax imposed under said subparagraphs shall not apply to fuels or gasohol sold or used by a distributor in this state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the tax due pursuant to subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-458 of the general statutes on propane, natural gas or diesel sold or used by a distributor in this state. As used in this section, "distributor" and "fuels" have the same meanings as provided in section 12-455a of the general statutes and "gasohol" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes.

(b) During the period set forth in subsection (a) of this section, each retail dealer shall reduce the per-gallon price of fuels or gasohol sold by such retail dealer in an amount equal to the amount of the reduction in such tax pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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(c) A violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes. Any retail dealer that is alleged to have violated subsection (b) of this section may avail themselves of the affirmative defenses set forth in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 14-332a of the general statutes.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-408 and 12-411 of the general statutes, from April 10, 2022, to April 16, 2022, inclusive, the tax imposed under said sections shall not apply to sales of any article of clothing or footwear intended to be worn on or about the human body, the cost of which article to the purchaser is less than one hundred dollars. As used in this section, "clothing or footwear" does not include jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, watches and similar items carried on or about the human body but not worn on the body in the manner characteristic of clothing intended for exemption under this section.

Sec. 3. Section 41 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 306 of public act 21-2 of the June special session, is amended to read as follows (*Effective April 1, 2022*):

The following sums are allocated, in accordance with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, for the annual periods indicated for the purposes described.

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
BOARD OF REGENTS			
Enhance Student Retention at Community Colleges	6,500,000	6,500,000	6,500,000

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CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES			
Higher Education - CSCU	10,000,000	5,000,000	
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Senior Food Vouchers	100,000	100,000	
Farmer's Market Nutrition	100,000	100,000	
Farm-to-School Grant	250,000	250,000	
Food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries and Food Banks	1,000,000		
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES			
Respite Care for Family Caregivers	3,000,000	-	
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Beardsley Zoo	246,121	246,121	
Amistad	200,000	200,000	
Maritime Center Authority	196,295	196,295	
Mystic Aquarium	177,603	177,603	
Music Haven	100,000	100,000	
Norwalk Symphony	50,000	50,000	
Riverfront Recapture	250,000	250,000	
Connecticut Main Street Center	350,000	350,000	
Middletown Downtown Business District	100,000	100,000	
CRDA Economic Support for Venues	5,000,000	2,500,000	
Working Cities Challenge	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association	100,000	100,000	
West Haven Veterans Museum	25,000	25,000	

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VFW Rocky Hill	15,000	15,000	
Playhouse on Park	15,000	15,000	
Family Justice Center	50,000	50,000	
East Hartford Little League	50,000		
Hartford YMCA	1,000,000		
ESF/Dream Camp of Hartford	100,000		
Beta Iota Boule Foundation - Youth Services	100,000		
Legacy Foundation for Health and Disparities	100,000		
Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies	1,000,000		
Middlesex YMCA	50,000		
Shatterproof	100,000		
Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues	15,000,000		
Statewide Marketing	7,107,000		
Governor's Workforce Initiatives	70,000,000		15,000,000
CT Hospitality Industry Support	30,000,000		
Regulatory Modernization	1,000,000		
Historic Wooster Square Association	500,000		
Humane Commission/ Animal Shelter of New Haven	500,000		
Ball and Sockets - Cheshire	200,000		
Junta for Progressive Action	750,000		
CT Airport Authority	2,000,000		
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Right to Read		12,860,000	12,860,000
Faith Acts Priority School Districts	5,000,000	5,000,000	
CT Writing Project	79,750	79,750	
Ascend Mentoring - Windsor	150,000	150,000	

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Women in Manufacturing - Platt Tech Regional Vocational Technical School	65,000	65,000	
Elevate Bridgeport	400,000	400,000	
Grant to RHAM Manufacturing Program	22,000	-	
East Hartford Youth Services	200,000		
Student Achievement Through Opportunity	100,000		
Summer Camp Scholarships for Families	3,500,000		
New Haven Local Little League	500,000		
Hamden Before and After School Programming	400,000		
Hamden Pre-K Programming	100,000		
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION			
Air Quality Study	20,000	-	
Swimming Lessons to DEEP	500,000	500,000	500,000
Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation	7,000,000	-	
Efficient Energy Retrofit for Housing	7,000,000	-	
Quinnipiac Avenue Canoe Launch	250,000		
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING			
Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen	200,000		
Hands on Hartford	100,000		
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH			
DPH Loan Repayment	500,000	3,500,000	
Community Health Workers	3,000,000	3,000,000	
Obesity & COVID-19 Study	500,000	500,000	

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Cornell Scott - Hill Health	250,000		
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
Groton Water Taxi	100,000	100,000	
<u>Free Bus Public Transportation Services</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>		
LABOR DEPARTMENT			
Domestic Worker Grants	200,000	200,000	
Veterans Employment Opportunity PILOT	350,000	350,000	
Opportunities for Long Term Unemployed Returning Citizens	750,000	750,000	
TBICO Danbury Women's Employment Program	25,000	25,000	
Boys and Girls Club Workforce Development - Milford	50,000	50,000	
Women's Mentoring Network- Strategic Life Skills Workshop	5,000	5,000	
Senior Jobs Bank - West Hartford	10,000	10,000	
Greater Bridgeport OIC Job Development and Training Program	250,000	250,000	
Unemployment Trust Fund	155,000,000	-	
Unemployment Support	15,000,000		
LABOR DEPARTMENT - BANKING FUND			
Customized Services for Mortgage Crisis Jobs Training Program	550,000	550,000	
OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD			
Care4Kids Parent Fees	5,300,000	-	

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Parents Fees for 3-4 Year Old's at State Funded Childcare Centers	3,500,000	-	
Universal Home Visiting	8,000,000		
OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION			
Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships	20,000,000	20,000,000	
Summer College Corps	1,500,000	-	
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT			
Private Providers	30,000,000	30,000,000	
PPE & Supplies	10,000,000	10,000,000	
State Employee Essential Workers and National Guard Premium Pay	20,000,000		
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT			
Higher Education - UConn	20,000,000	5,000,000	
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER			
Revenue Impact	35,000,000		
University of Connecticut Health Center	38,000,000	-	
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES			
Fostering Community	10,000	10,000	
Casa Boricua - Meriden	50,000	50,000	
Children's Mental Health Initiatives	10,500,000		
Child First	5,100,000	5,100,000	

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT			
Mothers Against Violence	25,000	25,000	
Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction	10,000,000	10,000,000	
New Haven Police Activities League	100,000		
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION			
TRUE Unit - Cheshire CI	500,000	500,000	
WORTH Program York CI	250,000	250,000	
Vocational Village Dept Corrections	20,000,000	-	
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES			
Fair Haven Clinic	10,000,000	-	
Workforce Development, Education and Training	1,000,000		
Nursing Home Facility Support	10,000,000		
MyCT Resident One Stop	2,500,000		
New Reach Life Haven Shelter	500,000		
Mary Wade	750,000		
Community Action Agencies	5,000,000		
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT			
CTN	1,000,000	-	
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES			
DMHAS Private Providers	25,000,000	25,000,000	
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES			
Blind and Deaf Community Supports	2,000,000		

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Revenue	559,900,000	1,194,900,000	

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