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**Legislative Update # 6**  
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Law enforcement and firearms continue to be a focus of numerous legislative proposals. Here are bills the DMHAS Legislative Unit is tracking related to **Firearms & Law Enforcement Safety Services:**

[SB-380](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRAINING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. (*PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED, 2/11*)

[SB-699](#) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.

[SB-772](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION TO VERIFY THAT PERSONS APPLYING FOR CERTAIN FIREARM PERMITS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL PURSUANT TO A PHYSICIAN'S EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE.

[HB-5154](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

[HB-5419](#) AN ACT PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

[HB-5895](#) AN ACT ALLOWING A POLICE OFFICER TO TAKE CERTAIN PERSONS INTO CUSTODY FOR AN EMERGENCY EXAMINATION.

[HB-6319](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A PROBATE COURT JUDGE TO ORDER THAT A CONSERVED PERSON SURRENDER FIREARMS.

[HB-6377](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

[HB-6378](#) AN ACT RESTORING A POLICE OFFICER'S WEAPON AFTER MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.

[HB-7054](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COUNSELING OR DEBRIEFING FOR POLICE OFFICERS AFTER TRAUMATIC EVENTS.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

In addition to the public hearing noted above for SB-380, public hearings have also been scheduled for the following bills:

[HB-5442](#) AN ACT ADDING CHRONIC PAIN AS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA BY A QUALIFYING PATIENT. (*PUBLIC HEARING, 2/11*)

[HB-6095](#) AN ACT MODIFYING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION. (*PUBLIC HEARING, 2/14*)

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting [cga.ct.gov](http://cga.ct.gov). Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or [mary.mason@ct.gov](mailto:mary.mason@ct.gov). During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.

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