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## Fire Service Charges Bill Dead

CWVA is pleased to report that [SB-325](#), which would have prohibited water companies from assessing municipalities for certain service lines and fire hydrants, died in the House. The legislature adjourned at midnight last night and no special sessions are anticipated.

The bill had been approved by the Senate in a [32-3 vote](#). CWVA and a team of water lobbyists, see below, remained vigilant until the the legislature adjourned to ensure that the bill was not called. A last minute push by the proponent of the bill was squelched in the House.

A big thanks to our members who testified against the bill or reached out to contact their legislators to oppose the measure. Also, thank you to our **Legislative Tri-Chairs, Lori Vitagliano, RWA, Maureen Westbrook, Connecticut Water Company, and Pat Kearney, Manchester Water, CWVA President Dan Lawrence, Aquarion Water Company, and our all of our Board and Legislative Committee members. Your input and voice on these issues is critical to our success.**

In another big win, legislation was adopted **restoring the sales tax exemption** for goods and services purchased by private water companies to maintain, operate, manage, or control a pond, lake, reservoir, stream, well, or distributing plant or system that supplies water to at least 50 customers. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022, and applicable to sales occurring on or after that date. The language is incorporated in HB-5506, the budget bill.

CWVA also worked with the state Department of Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section on language incorporated into [HB-5500](#), DPH's revisions bill. As amended, the bill includes language in Sec. 62 requiring the DPH commissioner to convene a working group on legionella prevention and mitigation in hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities and report to the Public Health Committee by December 31, 2022, on the

working group's findings and recommendations. CWWA had concerns with the original bill, which died in committee.

Download [CWWA's Legislative Wrap-Up](#) for information on other bills considered during the 2022 legislative session. A detailed "Summary of New Laws affecting the Water Industry" will be available soon.

A huge thank you to our great team of water lobbyists. Working together, the water industry had a very successful legislative session:

**Fritz Conway, Mike Doyle, Brendan Fox, Steve Kinney, and Jay Malcynsky of Gaffney Bennett and Associates**

**Rich Hanratty of Connecticut Water Company**

**James Berardino of CT Lobbying Group LLC**

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