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HOUSE APPROVES HATES CRIMES LEGISLATION

Strengthens Law, Increases Penalties

Simsbury's State Representative John K. Hampton is pleased to announce a bill he co-sponsored that makes the commission of a hate crime a felony and increases potential penalties upon a conviction passed the House unanimously and now heads to the Senate.

"I was very pleased to have supported this legislation and to see it pass unanimously in the House," Rep. Hampton said. "This bill makes it clear that our state will not tolerate hate crimes and we have backed that up with this legislation. I look forward to Senate approval."

[House Bill #5743](#) makes the commission of a hate crime a felony and increases potential penalties upon a conviction. The bill also makes violence and threats based on gender prosecutable as a hate crime and make threats against houses of worship or other religious facilities a more serious felony charge.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration. The Connecticut General Assembly 2017 Regular Session began January 4th and adjourns June 7th.

John Hampton represents Simsbury's 16th Assembly District. He is Assistant Majority Leader, Ranking Member of the Internship Committee, and serves on the Aging and Commerce Committees.

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