

## New England CPA Society Government Relations Update



### From the Executive Director

I hope this message finds you well.

In an effort to keep you informed on not only [what is happening in our own state](#), but in our region, we have collaborated with our fellow New England states to bring you the latest updates on legislation, regulation, and executive announcements.

If you have any questions or if we can help in any way, as always, please reach out.

Be well,  
Bonnie

### Connecticut

During the month of July Governor Ned Lamont issued a number of executive orders from cracking down on travel restrictions to modifying worker's comp rules for certain essential workers. On the legislative front, a special session took place in July. Legislation regarding absentee ballots, greater transparency and accountability for law enforcement, expansion of telehealth services, and cost controls on prescription drugs, equipment, and supplies used to treat diabetes was adopted during the session. [Read the Connecticut news here.](#)

### Massachusetts

MSCPA President and CEO Amy Pitter and 27 other state society CEOs sent a letter to Congressional leadership urging them to pass legislation that would close a projected collective budget gap of \$555 billion that states and local governments face. As conversations shift toward economic recovery while facing a daunting \$6 billion tax revenue budget gap to close out fiscal year 2020, Massachusetts legislators continue to piece together a budget for next year with limited resources and tax revenue to utilize. [Read more about Massachusetts here.](#)

### Maine

MECPA continues to advocate for the legislature to reconvene to address tax conformity with several features of the CARES Act: NOLs, QIP, Business Interest Expense, PPP Loan Forgiveness, and the issue of nexus related to remote workers. [View more information about the state of Maine here.](#)

### Rhode Island

Governor Raimondo announced several initiatives for small businesses and individuals who have been impacted by the crisis. \$200M in federal funding will be targeted for education, training, housing, small business relief, non-profit assistance, helping childcare centers, and more. [Read Rhode Island's summary here.](#)

### New Hampshire

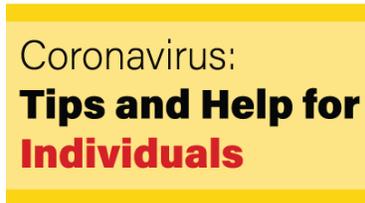
The Senate Committees met in early June and amended many House bills with multiple pieces of Senate legislation which had in some cases not passed the Senate and certainly

not had a hearing in the House. The outcome was omnibus amendments to House bills.  
[Read more about the amendments here.](#)

## Vermont

VTCPA indicated there was no activity to report this month, you can find more information about the VTCPA on their [website](#).

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